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Mrs. J. T. WYNYARD BROOKE, a daughter. MARRIAGE. On August 10, 1908, at Couze-ctiSt. Front (France) JULES GORY, I. M. Customs, to SUZIE THYSS, daughter of Frederic Thyss, Manager Bauque de Mulhouse.

DEATHS On August 16, 1908, suddenly, at Ichang. Dr. GEORGE F. STOOKE, Church of Scotland Mission, aged 32 years. On August 25, 1908, at Pootung, CHARLES

TAMES STUART ADAMS, aged 51 months. On August 29, 1909, at Shanghai, LAURA WINNIFRED CLARK, aged I year and o months. shall pledge themselves to obey the some 1,040 piculs of foreign opium passed eight (mostly wealthy local or Straits mer- fashion for itself a weapon whose grip shall be. M Customs.

DANIEL A. MACDONNELL, Pilot, aged 48

At the Government Civil Hospital, on the 3rd inst.; CARL LESLIE HACK, late of the China Imperial Maritima Customs, aged 3t years Funeral will pass the Monument at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Friands are respectfully invited to attend.

At the Government Civil Hospital, on the 3rd inst , Police Constable WILLIAM TAYLOR, third son of James Taylor, farmer, East Thurderton, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, N.B., aged 24 years. Deeply regretted.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1908.

A BATTLESHIP MYSTERY DISPALLAD.

(20th August.) The telegram, which is published to day, of the rumour of war between Argentina and Brazil, and the suggestion that the three mammoth warships (now building in England for the latter country) have been ordered | Customs stations of China with which Fongwith a view to a probable contest for the

stauction. In that connection the Acto of the first magnitude, insists that these vessels, while ostensibly building for Brazil, are in fact designed for Japan, and intimates that a secret arrangement exists between

#### 1YPHOON CORPS FOR HONGKONG.

by theorists.

(31st August.) A contributor comments on the proposal

ful, that the powers that be have hit upon a gallons (about 45 per cent.) and Russian of scheme to extend greater security to them by 310,305 gallous (about 35 per cent.) than at present exists—a scheme which it is No Burma oil was imported by junk. All simplicity is its chief recommendation. vanced about 60 per cents. An exceptional The scheme, as set out in the current issue profitable business, however, is reported during typhoons. This is to be done with flagged lighters towed by steam-launch the aid of life buoys, ropes, etc., which will are now largely employed in lieu of nati be provided at convenient intervals along Junks to carry machinery, iron pipes, tinni the Praya and the sea front at Kowloon. So | plates, cement, coal, kerosene oil, etc., far, so good; but it would appear that the China, The poor rice crops of 1906 we authorities are inclined to be slightly scepti- followed by two equally disappointing cros cal that young men, once having enrolled in rooy, with the result that there was the case of the new typhoon refuge at Mongkoktsui. Those at the helm of affairs are on the threshold of an excellent scheme, and there is no good reason why that scheme should not be realised, so far as public cooperation is concerned, if the authorities are willing to lead the way."

ROWLUON'S IRADE.

Being one of the Imperial Maritime

kong is very closely associated interest will future sovereignty of Uruguay, dispels the be found in the annual report by Mr. W. R. mystery, which has surrounded the construct M'D. Parr, the acting Commissioner for tion of the big battleships. It has been Kowloon. On the whole the district appears. asserted, with a great show of reason, to have been in a flourishing condition in that the Brazilian navy has no imperative 1,1907, an advance of 122 million tacks or 30. need of vessels of this type, far surpassing in | per cent, being shown in the junk trade, which power and size anything affoat and in com- amounted to over 54 million taels in value. The there is a Government monopoly. Only is estimated at 9,310 piculs. What is it that hypnotises Hongmission. Reuter, however, in to-day's tele- Commissioner himself writes that :--- Ingram, which is reproduced elsewhere, sup- view of the multiplicity of adverse circumplies the ostensible raison d'etre of the three stances—inclemency of weather, tightness of Hongkong during the year, and out of that what doubtful. Foreign opium merchants ganisation because until Hongkong arms. Goliaths." In design, armament and speed money market, exchange fluctuations, restricthese vessels are strikingly similar to the tion of opium smoking, unrest, in the South, battleships which Japan has now under con- and last, but not the least, the transfer of the by the Commissioner, were blended with clandestinely by junk as well as overland to Crown Colonies even if there is a common carrying trade from junks to foreign lighters York Herald, to which Japan is a bugaboo of certain staple commodities referred to elsewhere—the statistics for the past 12 months show a distinct, and in the circumstances satisfactory, improvement both in the volume and value of the trade. Deducting Brazil and Japan to this end. This state- about 10 per cent. from the total value of ment has been indignantly denied by Brazilian | the trade obtained from increased valuadiplomats, but there has been no official or tion, there still remains a substantial semi-official denial from Japan of the fact. increase of 20 per cent, to record," The fact that Japan has not denied this Although that would seem to indicate prostory, but has ignored it altogether, is taken | gress, we are told in the next sentence that in quarters other than those of the Herald with the exception of flour and foreign rice offices as tending to cast a doubt on the trade was unsatisfactory. How the two statecorrectness of the Herald's assumption. ments are reconciled it is difficult to say, missioner of Customs at Amoy. Reference coording to another American opinion, but there they are. With regard to crops is made in the first place to the tea industry the argument is that if Japan were really | Mr. Parr says that the spring and the autumn | which, has to all intents and purposes disarming in this secret way there would be a rice crops suffered from two diametrically appeared. Mr. Bowra laments the fact that denial at once of the story. Some of those opposite causes. Unusually heavy rains in the decadence of Amoy as the port of ship- proposals for Hongkong, which we reprowho hold to this view make the guess, for it the autumn caused the river to overflow in ment for Formosan teas should still have duce elsewhere in this issue, is described by is nothing more than a guess, that China is | many parts, and the growing rice in the low- to be insisted on but says that, far from any | the Times of Ceylon as a right and left the country which will ultimately turn up in lying districts along the river was almost improvement having occurred last year, 1907 hander, and the journal adds "Hongkong possession of the Brazilian ships. At one | totally destroyed; the higher levels, however, | is only conspicuous as the year in which the | has a hard time in front of it, but we can time there seemed to be something in this | yielded a very fair crop. At first the autumn | Formosan tea traffic came to a virtual end; | imagine that the Colony will make some latter theory, but it is pure conjecture, with. harvest promised well; in fact, hopes were the patient, in fact, took a serious turn for effort towards compensation after the exout any, base of known fact upon which to at one time entertained that it would prove the worse, and unless present indications Governor's plain hint to "agitate, agitate, rest, and Reuter's despatch to-day dispels all a record crop, but before the rice was ready are unexpectedly falsified, it will only remain agitate." Taking the cudgels on behalf of the conjectures that had been erroneously for harvesting incessant rains reduced the for the coming year to celebrate the obse- this Colony, the Singapore Free Press, which formed as to the ultimate ownership of the | yield to a five-tenths crop. The spring har- | quies and put up the tombstone over the | is exceptionally well-informed on the opium battleships in the British yards which have vest proved even more disappointing, owing defunct trade. Of the total shipment of question, remarks in a leading article that of 150 tons, drawing about a feet. She to excessive drought. These short crops Formosan teas during the past season, only that is all very well, so far as it goes. But formed the subject of so much speculation of the Government to inaugurate the "Vic- crops were poor. Rice alone contributed name lea to the Western world. For many which it can hope to influence the Colonial small Chinese sampans and rafts. Of the toria Emergency Corps" as briefly outlined Hk. Tls. 14,324,393 to the value of the im- years there was a large production of Office, or even show that it is in carnest former craft, Mr. Ferguson's report states, in our issue of the 29th inst. In the course port trade, an increase over 1906 of 74 tea in the district itself; that died out, about anything. The Singapore paper im 652 entered and 201 cleared during the of an appreciative letter he remarks that million tacls. All rice dealers did well, and Amoy enjoyed a prosperity lasting agines that Hongkong's chief misfortune year, making a total of 853 vessels, residents of Hongkong will have noted with The prohibition to export rice was not for 30 years or so as the harbour and appears to lie in the fact of the existence aggregating 3,412 tons, The number of satisfaction the news, appearing in our withdrawn throughout the year. A large entrepot for ten from Formosa, This, too, of the China Association, a comprehensive rafts descended from Tonkin by the two Saturday evening's issue, of the Govern- and profitable business was done in flour, in its turn, now draws to a conclusion body that concerns itself with the general rivers, Sungki-kong and Coabang Biver, at ment's highly commendable effort to cope for the most part of American origin. Bn. and other sources of production must be commercial and political interests of Britain the confluence of which Lungchow is siwith Hongkong's annual typhoon scourge hanced freights and prices brought the tapped if anything of the old affluence of the in China, and also has lately affiliated to tuated, was 380, the largest number on rewith a view to mitigate, if not actually pre- trade in the Australian cereal practically to port is to be regained. Apart from tea, the laterests of Britain with Japan cord since the opening of the port. The vent, the abnormal loss of life consequent a standstill in the latter part of the year, trade history of the year was favourable and through a closer, association between the trade of Mengtaz during last year presents upon its yearly visitation. The writer adds: The local flour-mill had a very brisk and fair first crops were reaped. But drought China Association and the Japan Association a -It is a relief to learn that the authorities profitable year's working. The great de interfered with the second crop, and upon tion. But nowhere in all this do the rela- sioner of Customs, Mr. C. H. Brewitthave at last been brought to recognise the pression which ruled in the market for the whole the harvests of the year were poor. Itions between Hongkong as a Crown Colony Taylor, however, devotes considerable space. necessity of promulgating some scheme Indian cotton yarn towards the latter The clan fighting in the Namab and Hweisn and the Colonial Office or the Imperial to the railway in course of construction. He whereby the rayages of the typhoon fiend end of the year 1906 continued through districts interfered seriously with trade; Government have the least place. As a reports that although the prediction of 1906

they will afterwards find cause to be thank- while Sumatra oil decreased by 916,885 hoped will Leas effectual as it will commend. the items under metals fell off with the exitself for its simplicity. In fact, its ception of lead in pigs and bars, which adof the Government Gazette, proposes to have been done in metals, and the general, raise a Volunteer Emergency Corps for the | decline in our returns may in a great meapurpose of saving life on the harbour front | sure be ascribed to the fact that foreignthemselves in the Corps, will attempt to shirk. steady demand for foreign rice to make up their duty in the hour of need. It is the shortage. The importation of foreign and the Straits Settlements. The Szechuan | This may or may not be the case; but con- support. druk is reported to have been plentiful, but sidering the well-known lawless character of

AMUY'S TEA TRADE.

(1st September.)

have already been chronicled.

In continuation of the trade reports for 1907 of the treaty ports of South China we hinterland. may refer to that by Mr. Bowra, the Com-

figures: this is probably accounted for by can that be seen more clearly than in the prethe Yunnan crop only gave a 50 per cent. the Tungan people—the district in which yield. The report on further points is of the great bulk is grown-and the fact that interest but it mainly recounts events, that an opium tax collector was killed there some two years ago, it would seem that the control of the growers in that region is at any rate whole it would seem that while Amoy has

#### SINGAPORE ADVICE.

lost the tea trade she is regaining her

position as a general trade centre for the

Sir Henry Blake's letter on the opium fore, a matter of great moment to the float- especially cotton thread. American kero that for the preceding years but the net Council to be whatever, from time to time the bad weather of October, 19,090 labourers in the colony, and for which sene oil has increased by excellent walte shows a small increase over the 1966. Secretary of State desires it to be. Nowhere were employed, At this time there was a

the value of silver, which ruled high during, sumption of Col., Seely that, all, the respectmost of the year—until October, in fact, able opinion in Hongkong, on the opium when it began to fall with lightning-like suppression business, would be found to be rapidity,—and so cheapened the price of in agreement with that of the Governor Sir foreign imports. The conclusion to be Frederick Lugard, and Sir Frederick drawn is that apart from re-exports, i.e., Lugard's opinion would necessarily be whattes, the trade remains much as it has been ever the Colonial Office directed it to be. It for many years past. As tea was the back- will thus be seen that public opinion in bone of the trade from the foreign, and no Hongkong, so long as Hongkong permits it; doubt largely from the native, point of view, to be so, is the opinion of the Secretary of there is not much comfort to be drawn from | State. There are fumings amongst the Unthis reflection. Hope for the future, how officials, and the press sometimes-if Downever, lies in certain enterprises which were ing Street chooses to notice it, which it does initiated during the year. The most import not as a rule—behaves, in quite obstreant of these is the Chang-Hala (Amoy perous fashion. But if Hongkong will take Changehow) branch of the Fukien Railways, the honest opinion of those who have rewhich is now under construction. The sub- gretted its helplessness as a Crown Colony of scribed capital for this line and the extension | British citizens this is no more effective than from Changehow to Chinchew, which it is the traditional method of Chinese warfare by stipulated that "as a certain amount of rice reached 4,548,202 piculs, an advance hoped to build later, is \$6,000,000 in \$5 making faces and beating gongs. What Hongorganisation is required to ensure co. of 1,741,214 piculs over 1906. Paddy incre- shares, on which a call of 81 a share has kong has to do, if it really desires to make the operation and secure the best results, it ased from 68,206 piculs in 1906 to 1,037,906 already been paid. The management is influence of the resident British community. is necessary that intending volunteers piculs. With regard to opium it is reported that vested in three directors, a committee of felt directly by the Secretary of State, is to orders of the officer in charge of the party, our stations—the highest figures for the last | chants who have taken shares) and a resid- in Hongkong and whose hammer-head shall. On August 30, 1008, at Shanghai, Captain who will be the Assistant Harbour Master, 16 years, being an increase of 23 picula ent manager. The promoters and manage. be in London. The Pres asks: What or one of the Harbour Department Boarding over the previous year's figures. Malwa ment are entirely Fukienese, and the line is can the China Association know or care about Officers or some other Government officer advanced by 59 piculs, while Patna and evidently intended to be quite a provincial the Crown Colony wees of Hongkong? deputed by the Harbour Master or by the Benares declined by 13 and 23 picula concern. The terminus at the Amoy end is And replies: Nothing. Downing Street Captain Superintendent of Police." Our respectively. No native drug or boiled at Sungson, a place on the mainland facing is out of the picture so far as that body is concorrespondent concludes:-"We can assure opium was reported. The opium trade for the west side of Kulangsu, which lies close | cerned, although in almost every branch of the authorities that there are many young the year may be pronounced to be unsatis- to the new tank installation of the Standard the activities of the China Association that men in Hongkong who are only too will- factory. The Anti-Opium Edict of 1906; Oil Company. The construction of the body may well ask the Foreign Office to ing to help their fellow men in their hour of and the subsequent closing of all opitim track at Sungseu began early in July and look after its interests. It has been menmisfortune and it is only through the absence divans and the restriction of the sale of the 15 li were completed by the end of the tioned to us that in some quarters in Hongof a systematical institution such as exists in prepared drug in China, checked opium year. It is expected that the whole section kong, where a sort of claim to a monopoly many coast towns of England that they have smoking to a considerable degree and caused will be completed by the spring of 1909. of representation of public interests is tacitly been prevented from doing so. But now much uneasiness among sellers and buyers. With regard to shipping it is recorded that exerted, there would be displeasure at the that active interest has taken the place of The reduction of sale of raw opium announ- 857 vessels under general regulations, with formation of any body that would venture to lethargic indifference, we can assert with | ced by the Indian Government during the aggregate tonnage of 1,027,763, entered at, express public opinion that did not take its some degree of certainty that everything will early past of the year gave an impetus to the the Customs during the year, against 865' cue to speak or remain silent from the group proceed without a hitch. As we have re- trade, but owing to the active anti-oplum | vessels, 1,060,627 tons, in 1906. The fall- indicated. If that be the state of things in marked before, the scheme cannot be too propaganda in China the effect was but ing off is trifling and might fairly have been Hongkong the sooner it is ended the better timely and it is only to be hoped that it will temporary, In conformity with the under- expected to have been much more serious for the welfare of the Colony. But that has escape the fateof blissful procrastination as in | taking with Chins, the amounts offered at in-view of the non-entry of the large-tea-been the representation made to us as the the monthly auctions in Calcutta were steamers. Steam-launches entered and explanation why Hongkong has never creatreduced as follows: from January to June, cleared fell to 9,203 vessels in 1907, in com- ed for itself, as a Crown Colony, and that 4,400 chests were sold per month; from parison with 9,622 in the year before. But alone, any machinery that might form the July to December, 4,000 chests per month; a greater aggregate tonninge shows that a medium of approach to the Secretary of and commencing with 1908 the sales will be larger type of vestel is being employed. On State without any official intermediary, the 3,900 chests. Finally, the heavy and un- the subject of opium, it is stated that last resident members of the Hongkong Associaexpected fall in silver at the end of the year | year saw the largest importation of the drug | tion in London being the branch charged caused considerable losses to Hongkong im- from abroad since 1903 and was actually the with the duty of making representations to porters, who had broughout at a high ex- largest with the exception of that year and the Secretary of State direct, through the change and had to close their remittances | 897, the total import of the foreign article | department charged with the administration to India when exchange had dropped some | being 3,870 piculs. The native drug showed of the Eastern Crown Colonies. If ever 15 per cent. Malwa opium was subjected a decrease of some 800 piculs, but the Com- there was a time in the history of Hongkong to the same influences as Bengal, and to- missioner says that it was due no doubt. when such a body was needed it is now, wards the close of the year larger sales were partly to the larger arrivals of the foreign when so large a proportion of the Colony's reported, in consequence of reduced arrivals | drug and partly to the large local production. | revenue is endangered by the surrender of from India. A small quantity of Persian The local retail price was from \$6.80 of the Home Government to the agitation opium was exported to Fukien province. to \$7.20 g catty, against about \$9 a catty of a palliamentary clique. We have in a The bulk of it was sold to the Japanese for foreign opium. The opium crop rea- previous article shown how simply and Government, for sale in Formosa, where lised in the districts near Amoy during 1907 effectively such an Association can be some\_50 chests\_of native. (Yunnan) opium internal opium\_tax is-successfully gathered kong, alone of the Eastern Crown Colonies? are reported to have been imported into on the whole of this production seems some. We deplore the absence of such an ornumber the opium farmer reports having complain that it is not-that the greater part | herself as we suggest there can be no means boiled some 41 chests, which, it is believed of the output evades duty and is carried of co-operation between Hongkong and other the foreign drug for exportation to Annam all the neighbouring centres of consumption. grievance to redress or a common policy to

#### FRUNTIER PORTS.

(3rd September.)

Additions to the excellent series of Yellow Books issued by the Statistical Department not conducted without difficulty. On the of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs continue to arrive and the latest to reach us is one dealing with the Frontier Ports-Lungchow, Mengtsz, Szemao, Tengyuch and vatung (Tibet). It was first thought that the opening of Nanning to foreign trade; and the consequent establishing of a Custom House there, would rouse Lungchow out of its lethargic sleep and bring more life into trade relations with down-river ports; but so far this expectation has not been realised and all has remained as heretofore. Mr. J. W. H. Fergusson, who i assistant-in-charge temporarily, mentions in his report, that with the exception of a -couple of small steam-launches, sent up by the authorities for official purposes, no steamers have entered the port. That steam navigation up to Lungchow is not an impossibility has also been demonstrated by the French river gunboat Vigilante, a versel made the trip during June 1905 and remainhave further enhanced the cost of living, about one-twelfth went via Amoy, against the unfortunate thing about Hongkong is ed at the port for some two weeks. The and thus curtailed the purchasing power nearly one-half in the preceding year, and that no matter how good its case all its pro- journey both ways was accomplished with of the interior for cotton goods and it is probable that during 1908 even a tests and agitations are as a sounding brass out accidents. It is probable, however, sundries. On the other hand, an abnormal smaller fraction will pass through the port. and a tinkling cymbal, for the simple but that the condition of the river, with its demand for foreign rice to make good the Thus the end though long foreseen has at all-sufficient reason that the Hongkong many rapids and sharp bends, will always shortage was created. Cochin-China, where last come somewhat suddenly. Amoy is public has been content to remain passive remain a serious bar to the development of its the crops were reported to have been abund. perhaps the oldest of the Chinese tea ports, and marmed, and has studiously neglected riverine trade from a practical standpoint. ant, was chiefly drawn on, as the Siamese The Amoy language has even given the to provide itself with the only machinery by hipping at Lungchow is merely a matter of could be lessened to an appreciable extent. out 1907, and the business for the past communications were not absolutely inter- Crown Colony, in so far as the possession of was not fulfilled, the work on the railway. That Hongkong has long been lacking 12 months has been most unprofitable, rupted, but many fields were left untilled, any political leverage that may be brought steadily progressed. The dry winter and in this respect there is no denying, but Foreign goods entered China from Hopg. and trade in the disturbed country was very to bear in Downing Street, unofficial Hong- spring were favourable and labour was plenowing to the conservative attitude taken up | kong vid the Kowloon stations during the languid. Business during the pear is report | kong simply has no more existence than the tiful. The 47,000 men at work at the endby the Government, things have been allowed year 1907 to the value of Hk. The ed to have been generally dull and profits child unborn. Downing Street knows the of 1906 were kept on as long as possible; to take their own course, and, true to the 29,820,314, an enhancement of about Bi poor, and there were two or three failures of Governor of Hongkong and his Executive but some drifted away with the China New traditions of "olo custom," the people of smillion tacks over the preceding years native banks, The gross value of the trade Council, and to a less extent the Legislative | Year holidays and more with the advent of Hongkong have come to regard the story of figures: Cotton goods, with two exceptions in 1907 was 18,836,566 tacls, a decrease of Council. But the official majority on that hot weather and the trying wet serson; but a lives tost as a matter of course. It is, there- in shirtings, show substantial advances, more about one million tacks in comparison with body makes the opinion of the Legislative still at the minimum in the exceptionally in

good deal of sickness among the natives, but hospitals and sanitation prevented any serious mortality. Present precautions for the well-being of the labourers have certainly removed any cause for possibly deserved reproach in the days of experience. The abnormally heavy rains of the early autumn severely tested the solidity of the permanent way, which, taken as a whole, well withstood the ordeal. Some serious landslips occurred, and the mountain torrents laid bare foundations that were estimated to have a large margin of safety. Beinstatement cost no small sums, for which unexpected outlay the company has to find such consolation as is possible in the reflection that the works have been subjected to a test probably as severe as they will ever experience. The track is now ready for laying the rails throughout three-quarters of its whole length. The portions upon which, serious construction work has still to be done lie between kilometres 83 and 119 and kilometres 306 and 362. Between the points first indicated the line has to be carried up. which difficulties are being overcome by a loop about 14 kilometres long with a bridge, now under construction, composed of two long arms, which are to meet in the middle. The scenery along this section is simply superb. The sudden death of a large section. At the close of the year the metals were laid and construction trains ran to kilometre 83, where a halt has ed; these ready for ready for traffic, metals may be laid as fast as they can be brought up. All being well, the engineers have little doubt that the locomotive wil reach Mengtsz during the summer. gular ordinary traffic between Hokow and Lahati has been promised for April On the subject of opium, which now absorbs a large amount of public interest, the report makes reference; to the anti-opium movement which has spread into Yunnan resulting in the diminished use of the drug. The penalties for indulgence in opium were enforced in official circles, and the smoking establishments in and near Mengtsz were closed in August. The sale of opium smoking apparatus was prohibited after October. In other directions Mengtsz. like Lungchow, appears to have undergone no material change in the year under review.

#### THE MATERIAL PROGRESS

In an interesting article which appears in a Northern contemporary reference is made to the progress of China, particularly in the adoption and development of Western ideas, not merely in one direction but all round. is only a few years ago since the Chinese Army was little better than a rabble of undisciplined recruifs, who could barely be depended upon in serious crises. Viceroy Yuan Shihkai changed it absolutely into the semblance at least of a fighting factor when he reorganised the Northern Army and cave it a status even In the eyes of the foreign military attaches whom he invited to view the manusuvres. In South China, that example was by no means lost and it is matter of general knowledge that the two Kwang Provinces have a serviceable body of troops to carry into effect the will of the authorities. With regard to the Navy, of which Admiral Li Chun is the Commander-in-Chief in these waters; evidences are not wanting that there is a real and urgent desire to see it reconstituted, so that it may be something more than a mere name. The visit of Admiral Sir Arthur Moore to the Viceroy of Canton last year undoubtedly had a stimulating effect in opening the authorities' vision to the necessity of having an affective paval arm if the West River was to be adequately policed. And the fact that the local Dock Company was entrusted with the work of constructing patrol gunboats may be taken as proof that Canton, at all events, is sincere in. her desire to perform those duties for the protection of the lives and property of her subjects as well as of foreigners, which properly fall within her province. Even if it were not that the cause of humanity demanded the rigid patrolling of the Southern Waterways, it was essential in the interests of her own amour propre that steps should be taken to reduce the frequent and sanguinary piracies which occurred, unless she was content to see the important rivers patrolled by foreign men-of-war. Whether the object of the Provincial Government will be attained remains to be seen, although recent reports regarding the work of pirates on the West. River are far from satisfactory. Continuing its enumeration of several of the chief features which mark the advance in Chinese official opinion, our contemporary remarks that the Board of Education has been active in promoting all kinds of schools among the people. The Board of Commerce has made a beginning in investigating the trade conditions throughout the country and in promoting industrial undertakings. The Board of Revenue has been taking recent steps to organize a nev uniform system of currency, and to bring the expenditure of the Provinces unde a common system. The Board of Posts an Communications is continuing to carry out the policy of railway and telegraph extension. The Customs Bureau has started a school for the training of men-for-this branch of service and it has also greatly extended the postal facilities. Viceroys and Governors throughout the Empire have all undertaken new enterprises looking towards reform. There is not a single branch of the Government service into, which change and reform have not been introduced. And after recording these facts the recording writer asks: " Why then does progress lag, and why is there such a pessimistic feeling among so many of the leading men of China? "The reason alleged is that no fixed. policy of introducing reforms has been adopted by the Central Government. As occasions have atlsen, one reform after another has been adopted, but no definite purpose has ever been formed of adapting the whole governmental system of China to the changed conditions of modern life. What is needed, we are told, is the decision to adopt a programme for uniform and steady read justment of the whole system of government-executive, legislative and judicial. This would ensure the harmonious working of each new project with what has gone before; as well as with what is to follow. There need be no breaking with the valuable methods of the past's neither should there be any retaining of old customs simply because they are old. New and old must be brought together to work nuder a uniform system towards a well defined result. There is much truth in these remarks, but the writer would seem to have formed the iden that the great Empire of China can be regenerated in a day. When we regard the progress that has been achieved even within

the last; five years and observe the new

mational spirit which has sprung up and

lously advanced, particularly in the Southern Provinces, where the people are far more keenwitted and self-reliant than their neighbours in the North, It is easy to make comparison with Japan as to the rate of progress but Japan took her half-century to develop while China is only at the beginning of her modern history. By strenuous efforts Chipa is covering her vast territory with a network of railways which are bound to revolutionise the face of the country, bring her people into closer, communication and develop her natural resources." It is frue that there has been lamentable dilatoriness in proceeding with the work of building the line between Canton and Hankow, but there seems to be reason to believe that operations will be pushed forward with all speed now that His Excollency Chang Chih-tung bas been appointed chief organiser of the undertaking, in the article to which we have referred it is said that "At present, many excuses are offered for the retention of things which should be abandoned 'on the ground that it is our old national custom. When anything new is mooted; it is often justified because it is the custom of foreign, countries, .. Neither of these excuses can be considered justifiable. Both new and old should be subjected to the searching inquiry as some oco metres and across a deep valley, to whether it accords with a fixed governmental policy which has been carefully planned. The most urgent of all tasks before the Contral-Government at the present time is the form: ulating of this general plan in which old and new can assume their proper positions " While that is correct to a certain extent it partakes of the nature of 'a half-truth. It cannot contractor delayed work on the second be kainsaid for a single moment that China, and naturally we refer to the South in particular, is fast discarding old ideas and assimilating the commercial wisdom of the West. The be called till the bridges shall be finish people themselves are now capable of combination, and powerful combination, to achieve certain purpose, and there is less internecine strife than ever before. That in itself is an evidence of the advanced views held by the intelligent section of the Chinese, and it is through their actions and following the principles enunciated by them that the mass of the people will be influenced and guided. If Romewas not built in a day how can it be expected that China can emerge from her shell in a decade, unless the accompaniment of a social cataclysm was contemplated?

#### Telegrains.

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

PARLIAMENT FOR CHINA

IMPERIAL DECREE ISSUED.

[By courteny of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking! 28th August. An Imperial Decree was issued on the 27th inst., directing the open-

ing of a Parliament to take place within nine years from this year. The Decree is a very long docu-

ment and contains more than seven hundred characters.

> A NAVAL BASE, CHUSAN IS, SELECTED.

By courtesy of the " Sheung Po."

Peking, 28th August. The Imperial Government prop utilize Chusan Island, in Chekidng Province, as a naval base.

HANKO W-SZECHUAN RAIL WAY:

TO BE UNDER OFFICIAL -Management-

[By courlesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 28th August. The Ministry of Posts and Communications has indicated that the Hankow-Szechuan Railway will be controlled and managed by officials.

THE OPIUM QUESTION. CONSUMPTION IN CHINA.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 30th August. Lord Li Ching-fong, Chinese Minister to the Court of St. James' has telegraphed to the Imperial Government that, in view of the anti-opium campaign' if the consumption of home-grown opium should remain as heretofore, His Excellency\_is\_apprehensive\_that\_it may give rise to contentious dis-

Lord Li urges the Chinese Government to prohibit the cultivation of poppy within the Empire.

THE GHINESE FLEET PROPOSED SOUTHERN CRUISE.

[By courtesy of the " Sheung Po!"]

Peking, 30th August. The Ministry of War contemplates the despatch of a Chinese fleet to the Southern Seas for a cruise. It has memorialized the Throne on the subject.

RAILWAYS AND TELE-

GRAPHS. PROPOSED INSPECTION.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Poking, 30th August. H.E. Chang Pik, president of the ... In consequence of the exposure parmeter the people, the fact fax fax to be Ministry of Posts and Communicar by the North China Daily News the

admitted that China as a whole has marrale tions, is considering the advisability. Mixed Court Magistrate recommends of a tour of inspection throughout the removal and reorganization of the Provinces in connection with the Sinza Refuge. railways and telegraphs.

CHINESE EMPEROR ILL.

SUFFERING FROM DYSENTERY. - By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."

Peking, 1st September. The Emperor is suffering from an ittack of dysentery.

The physicians in attendance are somewhat exercised as to the treatment to apply to the Imperial patient.

BRITISH MERCHANTS IN HANKO W.

> COMPLAIN OF TRADE DEPRESSION.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 1st September. The British merchants in Hankow, in view of the present depression of trade, have applied for a reduction in Customs dues on all merchandise imported into the Pro-

The Waiwupu has no intention f considering the application favour-

> SUPERINTENDENT OF RAILWAYS.

> > CHANG CHIH-TUNG'S SUGGESTION.

[ By courtesy of the " Sheung Po."]

Peking, 1st September. It is rumoured that H.E. Chang Chih-tung has applied for the transfer of the office of Superintendent of Railways, now vested in him, to the Viceroys and Governors of the respective Provinces within which railways are constructed.

The Imperial Government appears to view the suggestion with favour.

PEKINGESE JUBILANT:

COMMEMORATING THE CONSTI TUTIONAL GOVERNMENT DECREE.

[By courtesy of the " Sheung Pa."]

Peking, 1st September. The people in Peking are jubilant over the Imperial Decree issued on the first day of the 8th moon (27th August) appointing the date for the institution of Constitutional Govern-

ment in nine years' time. The citizens propose to call a mass meeting to consider ways and means for commemorating the issuance of the popular Decree.

27th August, 1958. Their Majesties the Empress Dowager and Emperor Kwang Hsu issued an edict approving the memorial from the Prince Pu Lun and the other members of the Legislative Council, with regard to the constitution laws, parlia ments and votes, and other necessary preparations should be completed before the open ing of the Parliament, and that their proposi tions are clear and wholesome. The Council of Parliamentary representation and the Legis ative Council were ordered to distribute their propositions, after having been endorsed with the Imperial stamp, together with this edict, to all yamens in the Capital, Viceroys, Governors and their respective underlings, that all officials shall execute these propositions according to the time granted, and the results are to be reported to their Majesties every six months. The Metropolitan officials, Viceroys and

Governors are also advised to take steps with out-delay to encourage education and self government among their peoples. As to the question of the opening of the Par isment, their Majesties gave a period of nipe years for the accomplishment of all the necessary preparations. The constitutional laws, which are to be made by his Majesty the Emperor, will then be published, and an Imperial decree for summoning the parliamentary

TANG SHAO-YI. TO INQUIRE INTO REPUBLICAN

representatives will be also issued by that time.

GOVERNMENT.

. [By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 1st September. H.E. Tang Shao-yi, being about

to proceed on his special mission to America, has had an audience with Their Majesties the Emperor and Winner of \$12 ... H.M.S. Bedford ... 55 Empress Downger.

Their Majestics directed the Special Commissioner to make a special sady of the form of Republican Government obtaining in the United States during his sojourn in America.

> SHANGHAI REFUGE. REORGANIZATION RECOM-MENDED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

"DAILY NEWS" CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

Shanghai, 2nd September, 3.55 p.m.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COM-MISSIONER.

TAOTAL WEN'S SUCCESSOR APPOINTED.

[By courtery of the "Sheung Fo."]

Peking, 3rd September. The Imperial Government has decided to appoint an official in Canton for transacting business having relations with foreigners.

Government recommend that the appointment be offered to Im Ku.

Tuotal Wen Taung Yao. This appointment in the Capital, the Viceroys and Governors does not, however, dispose of Mr. Fung Wa- of provinces and their subordinates. The active supporters in Canton for his selection to | what they have done in the preceding months. the Foreign Bureau and his chances are as The said Department is to see that all good as those of any of his opponents for the assistantship to the Foreign Commissioner .-Ed. 77.K.T.

GAPITAL OF KWANGSI. NANNING PROPOSAL REVIVED.

[By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd September:

The Imperial Government contemplate the transfer of the seat of Government in Kwangsi province from Kweilin to Nanning.

Telegraphic instructions have been despatched to Viceroy Chang to report on the advisability or otherwise of the proposed change.

> SERIOUS AFFRAY IN . SHANGHAI.

FOREIGN CONSTABLES WOUNDED

[ From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 4th September. Another serious affray, occurred here last night between Japanese

Members of the Municipal police who proceeded to suppress the street brawl were set upon by the sailors. In the melee two foreign constables were wounded.

TYPEOON WARNING.

-The-American-Consulate-General-received the following telegram from the Manila Obser-

September 3rd, 11 a.m. Cyclone or typhoon South East of Naha. Direction unknown,

THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Weihaiwei, August 28., The past week has been a busy one with the Fleet, as each ship has completed her Heavy Gun Layers' Tests, and has filled up with coal in readiness for the northern cruise. The Kent carried out her H. G. L. rest an Thursday. Her record is as follows:--Twelve 6" Guns ...... 101 rounds 63 hits.

Average per gun ... 8.4 ... 5.25 Best shot P. U. McGuiness 10 no 7 The Honmonth was to have fired on Friday but, owing to the squally weather and heavy sea, it was postponed till Monday when she completed her H. G. L. Test as follows :-Twelve 6" guns ................ 86 rounds 55 hits. Best shot P. Q. Pike ...... 9 On Tuesday H.M.S. Beltomart carried out

both her Heavy and Light Q. F. Gun Layers' H. G. L. Test 4"..... 13 rounds 7 hits. Best shot P. O. Strange ... 7 Light Q. F. 12 Pr. ..... 31 Best shot, Lead, Seaman

Parker ..... During the week the Royal Marines have carried out their annual contest for the Royal Marine Jewel and also Royal Marine Officers

Cup (Team). The first ten in the lewel Competition were:-1. Capt. Fletcher ..... H.M.S. Monmouth .. 88 2. Gor. Blackman ..... King Alfred ... 83 4. Pte. Thorne ...... King Alfred ... 82 c. Maj. Garrett ........ 6. Pte. Richmond ...... Bedford ........81 Harmsworth ... 8. L. Cpl. Fleetwood. .. Tamar ... 10. Sgt. Lamberton ... , King Alfred ... 79 Royal Marine Officers Cup ( Feam.)

Winners of Cup ] H.M.S. King Alfridos points H.M.S.MONMONIA S8 H.M.B. Bedford 54 (and team) H.M.S. King Alfred (2nd team)

The Alacrity, flying the flag of the Commander in Chief, teturned from a shooting this to Shanhaiknan on Thursday evening .- N. C.

Tokio, August 31, Many papers protest against the postponement of the Toklo Exhibition, But other papers see in it a significant indication of the Government's .. endeavours to obtain, some financial readjustment. President Roosevelt, in reply to a communica-

tion from Japan on the postponement of the Exhibition, declares that he fully appreciates the wisdom of Japan's linencial policy. N. C. D. News

Parliament for China.

THE IMPERIAL DECREE.

TO PREPARE FOR THE CONSTITUTION.

Peking, August 27. Decree of H. I. M. the Emperor. in compliance with the Command of the Empress Dowager, acknowledging the receipt of a code of Constitutional Laws drafted by the Hsienchen Pien-ch'a-kuan (Department for the Investigation of the principles of Constitutional Government) The Laws are very complete and are in accordance with the requirements of the subject. The lines of duty incumbent on all high and low, are clearly laid down in those

The department has also-submitted to the

Throne constitutional schemes, that should be carried into effect before the opening of a Parliament. It is certain that before constitutional government can satisfy, or have any effect upon the nation, drastic measures must [Acting upon the suggestion of the authori- | be taken to reform the Empire thoroughly, ties in Peking, Viceroy Chang of Canton has We, therefore, hereby order the Department to telegraphed to Im Ku to proceed South to as- promulgate the said constitutional reform schesume the duties of the office in succession to mes among the Heads of the various Yamens chun's candidature for office in the Foreign officials are to carry these schemes into effect Aff irs Bureau as reported in our columns last within their respective jurisdictions and to week. We understand that Mr. Fung has report to the Throne every six months upon officials whether within the Capital or without carry out these schemes properly... Should any island trader s.s. Sorsogon, which went down off officials be found disobeying Our Commands the Dock quay on the 18th-September, 1906 they will, be punished severely and without It will be remembered that she was refloated leniency. Let it be understood that We will and subsequently sold to the Dock Company not tolerate for a moment any delinquency on which has in her a convertible asset as soon as the part of the officials. Under the difficult | the much looked for revival in the shipping crisis through which the country is passing it trade becomes an accomplished, fact." The should be the clear duty of every official to prescience of the remark did not take long to exert himself to assist. Us in reforming the assert itself, for within a month of the Empire. Let it be made known that nine years | publication of the paragraph we are now are given as the limit of time for carrying out | in a position to report the sale of the vessel. these reform schemes. The Constitutional At the time of her foundaring two years ago, Laws will then be definitely decided upon by the Sorsogon was completing extensive repairs Us and the date for the opening of the Parliament will also be appounced by that time.

The metropolitan and provincial officials are are also commanded to love no time in diffusing the knowledge of local self-government among the people, so as to enable thom to. govern the country in fature.

Proper care must be taken to prevent the evil work and insidious sumours which characters are constantly seeking to spread about, in order to disturb the peace and to also employed in a novel duty for a vessel of ber cause trouble. We look to the officials the Empire to put forth their whole hearts in carrying through these reforms, so that the State may become stronger and stronger. these Our Commands-be-made known-to every one in the Empire.

" August 28 (1) Heil Chien is appointed Director of the High Court of Investigation in the Capital, (2) Hail Hail is appointed Judge of the Peking Common Law Court.

( ) Whang Ta-bei (who is at present in Eng. land studying the Government and Constitu tion of that country) is appointed Senior Vice-President of the Ministry of Posts and Com munications. Pending Wunng's arrival it Peking, Wu Yu-shen (one of the two Directors of the Peking Granaries), is to act for him at Interim in addition to his (Wu's) usual duties. (2) Lin Shao-nien (Governor of Honau)'i appointed a Director of the Peking Granaries and. Wu Ch'ung hai is appointed Governor of Hon in. Pending Wu's arrival in Kaifens (capital of Honan) Chu Shou-yung is to act i

his stead for the time being. (3) Shên Tsêng-chih is appointed Acting Governor of Anhui. (4) Mao Ching-fan is appointed Provincia Treasurer of Kinugsu and Fan Kung-hsu is

appointed Superintendent of Education for CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM SCHEMES. The following are some of the constitutional

reform schemes that are to be carried into

effect within the next nine years. To promulgate local self-government regulation's. To adjust financial matters. To revise the laws governing Manchus in order to do away with the evils of racial jealousy. To take

a census of the people. and year. -To promulgate laws regulating the election of the members of Provincial Assemblies. To promulgate the regulations of the Tzechenyuan (Imperial Assembly) and laws regulating the election of its members. To find out the annual amount of the expendi- the form of the order will be must; he ture and income of the Empire. To devise argued, as it may become a very commethods of judicial procedure.

promulgate the new criminal code of laws. I,To I was much insisted on. I am not sure that it promulgate regulations for the reorganization | will arise : it depends on the attitude taken up of the official system.

4th year. To promulgate Common Laws. 5th year - To promulgate duty regulations. 6th year. To promulante rules of judicial-

7th year.-To draw up a Budget. 8th year -To fix the amount of money required for the expenses of the Imperial House-9th year -To promulgate Constitutional laws.

hold. To promulgate laws regulating parliamentary election.

To publish Institutes of the Imperial House

BUILDING AUTHORITY'S DISCRETION.

RI FUSAL TO EXERCISE.

Mr. Tack Yuen submitted to the Sanitars Board an application for exemption or modifica tion of section 153 for the second, floor of No 27, Lyndhurst Terrace, as that floor, has skylight on the roof and also a window at the rear for external air and the window area is only a few square feet short of the area Mr. A. Shelton Hooper minuted':- Inform

the applicant he must apply in the first instance to the Building Authority as per section 245 Head, Sanitary Department :- The Building

Authority fas refused to exercise his discretion and asked that the matter may come before the Board.

THE ANTI-OPIUM CAMPAIGN.

Imperial Commissioners in charge of the prohibition of opium smoking have been approved by the Throne. According to these regulations, if any official should be found suppressing opium with slackness or indifference be will be severely punished, while those who have shown energy in enforcing the Opium Decrees: will be rewarded and commended.

the Walwupa that the Hongkong authorities twice over. have issued a decree prohibiting the export of 

S.S. "SORSOGON" SOLD.

FURCHASED BY A FRENCH FIRM.

The s.s. Sorsogon, which, as we have stated on previous occasions, is a valuable Coating asset of the Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co., Ld., has been sold. Negotiations for the sale and purchase of the handy-sized yessel were, of necessity, conducted with due regard to secrecy, and it was not until late yesterday afternoon that we came by sufficient reliable information to warrant our approaching, representatives of the Dock Co. to speak to the

authenticity of the report for publication. For some time past inquiries from several quarters were made for the purchase of the Sorrogon; those from the Philippines being the most persistent and approximating nearest the vendors' idea of the steamer's value. She was a Philippine vessel and is admirably adapted

for the inter-island trade. Chinese interested in the shipping trade have also cast an eye on the Sorsogon, but as they would not go beyond a certain figure they have been forestalled in her purchase by a local firm of ship-brokers acting under instructions from a French firm of ship agents. We understand that when the steamer is refitted she will be employed on the Southern coastal trade for which she is eminently suited in size, tonnage

On the occasion of our reporter's visit to the 'Kowloon yards, after the typhoon, last month, he n ade reference to the s.s. Servey on in these terms: "Shored up against the side of the stone pier lies the hull of the erstwhile. Mapila interin Kowloop, and was ready to receive her new boilers when she was struck by the typhoon and sank in deep water under the sheer-legs. The story of the operations attending the refloating of the vessel presented many interesting features, as it will be recalled how the Admiralty, desirous of giving the Naval divers a practical test in work under water, actually lent their men to assist the Dock staff in the operations. Then the dredger Conton River was type, for she was used by the salving party as a sort of auxiliary vessel wherefrom the divers carried out their arduous task. When the Sorrogon was refloated it was found that she susia ned comparatively little damage. She was abandoned to the underwriters and sold by Messis. Jorge and Co., who were the Hongkong agents for the Manila owners, to the Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co. for the sum of \$4,000, exclusive of the cost of the new boilers. . Now that the Sortogon has been sold work has already been taken in hand for refitting the vessel according to specifications answering to the requirements of the special trade in which she will be employed. is not expected that the overhauling of the vessel will be a work of any considerable

boilers are all ready to be fitted into the bull as soon as she is launched. The figure mentioned to our representative as the purchase price of the Sorsogon ready for sea should leave a fair margin of profit to the vendors. At the same time it is considerably under anything the vessel could be bought for in the home market with the present rate of silver exchange. .

time, having regard to the fact that the hew

MOTION FOR JODGMENT.

INTERESTING ARGUMENT IN COURT

On the 24th August, the Chief Justice, readers will remember, gave his decision in the action brought by the Hip On Insurance Exchange and Loan Company, Limited, and 1st year.-To establish provincial assemblies. the Hongkong and Manila Yuen Sheng Exchange and Trading Company, Limited, against the two sons of Mr. Li Sing-Li Po Yung, and Li Po Kam-in which they sought to claim \$11,524 94, which had been paid into

Court in connection with certain property. Judgment was entered for Li Po Yung and Li Po Kam on the claim with costs, and in favour of Li Po Yung with costs on the counter-claim, and formal judgment was entered. ... In delivering judgment his Lordship said:-"What plicated matter. The question of redemption 3rd year. To convene the Tzechen uan. To of the Hongkong Fire Company's mortgage by the company, who may be willing to have it transferred to the new owners. But this in turn depends on many other considerations. When the parties are ready, the form of the order can be made the subject of a special

> motion for judgment. . Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., who appeared for the Hip On and the other company (the unsuccessful patties) moved in the Supreme Court, this foremon, that judgment be entered in his favour. Counsel proceeded to argue at length. His next step was to read bits of evidence from documents which were before him. when wr. Slade interrupted, and called upon Mr. Pollock to read the whole thing, and not

to leave out important parts Mr. Pollock proceeded, unheeding the check, but Mr. Slade called his friend to attention again, whereupon senior Counsel retorted that he was conducting his own case; that he was not leaving out any important points; and that be thought it very discourteous of his friend to

Mr. Stade returned that he did not think it was discourteous to interrupt when his friend was reading parts here and there and omitting. parts which were important. Mr. Pollock-If my friend would leave me

to conduct my own case-The Chief Justice put a temporary stop to the "breeze" by reminding Mr. Pollock that that had been given already, Mr. Pollock-That is the motion I am make

The Chief Justice asked bow he could draw up an order when he had already given judgment. He thought Mr. Pollock out of order. Mr. Pollock said that the judgment on the face of it was purely inconsistent.

The Chief Justice-You ought to have brought the motion for an order. Mr. Pollock was understood to say that the The new opium regulations drawn up by the judgment was given on the question of costs. The Chief Justice-I think you are wedny,

Mr. Pollock-I would like to know what your Lordship think is right." The Chief Justice-I think you, are out o

Mr. Slade argued that his friend baving faleased one of the defendants, having refused to prosecute him, he new wanted to fakin "the The British Minister in Peking has stated to pother defendant, whom they wanted the pay

After further discussion his Lordship reparyed pie decision on the point.

#### Opium in Parliament.

THE HONGKONG DIVANS.

HIGH-HANDED PROCKEDING.

On the 28th July in Committee of Supply on the Civil Service Estimates, Mr. Emmott, Chairman of Committees, in the chair, and on the vote to complete the sum of £56,450 for the salaries and expenses of the Department of the Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Mr. Lyttelton said he had a word or two to say in the first instance on a matter relating to India and the opium traffic, which, unless it was cautiously handled by the Government. might bring us trouble in our great-Eastern dependency. In carrying out the resolution of the House for the discouragement of the opium traffic, it was presumed by every one who took part in that debate that any action taken by the detected and does not, as in the case Government would be deliberate and cautious. and in particular that they would seek to enlist the co-operation of the authorities of the various colonies concerned. Unless be was misinformed, there had been a grievous departure from that wholesome rule in Hongkong, and a similar omission seemed to be likely in regard to the Straits Settlements. He, was informed that a telegram was sent by the Secretary of State on May 6 saying to the colony of Hongkong that His Majesty's Government had decided to close the opium establishments in Hongkong. That telegram reached Hongkong three hours before the statement was made public in the House of Commons, and therefore before any information was vouchsafed to the colony or the matter. Absolutely no previous consultation had taken place, so far as he was informed, and no opinion taken of the members of the Legislative Council. Naturally this caused a great deal of feeling amongst the members of that body He hoped there would be some explanation given of this apparently high-handed proceeding, because, in his opinion, it was calculated rather to hinder than advance the object—the reduction in the consumption of opium.

Colonel Seely, in reply, said with reference to the complaint that we took action without consulting the authorities of Hongkong, although they did their best to ascertain the views of the people, it was quite impossible to get anything like a reasoned opinion from the inhabitants of Hongkong. He reasserted what he had said in a previous discussion, that it was the policy of the Government to close the opium dens in Hongkong. That remained. the policy of the Government, and as regarded that policy itself the right hon, gentleman would forgive him if he quoted some-words of his. The right hon, gentleman said on a former occasion: "I congratulate the Government and the Under-Secretary in having taken steps which are entirely reasonable in the circumstances."

Mr. Lyttelton: lagraed with that policy, but what I said that every person of sense presumed that the ordinary steps had been taken that would make the policy palatable.

Colonel Seely said the ordinary steps could not be taken for reasons that he had given: The ordinary steps were now being taken, and the Government would act throughout on the advice they had recently obtained, and would obtain, from the Governor. He believed he would be able to satisfy the House that the best public opinion in Hongkong, and the opinion of the Governor himself, coincided with the policy of the Government as to the measures they proposed to take.

Subsequently Mr. T. C. Taylor alluded to the question of opium consumption at Hong kong. He pressed the Government to continue the policy of suppressing the opium habit there If the Government meant business the traffic could be suppressed. All that was wanted was a strong law, properly administered.

Colonel Seely, in a further reply, said he agreed that, bad as the effect of opium-smoking\_was,-the\_injection\_of-morphia-was-evenmore injurious. He trusted that the International Commission would include in its purview these opium derivatives. He understood the American representatives were auxious to take this course. His Majesty's Government would agree. It might interest the Committee to know that the International Commission would

mest in Shanghai on Jan. 1 next year. PRESS COMMENTS. Mr. Lyltelton voiced a certain amount of the opinion of Hongkong respecting the opium policy forced on the colony by the Home Government, when he asked for an explanation of a telegram which he understood the Colonial Office sent to the Legislative Council of Hongkong on May 6, stating that His Majesty's Government had decided to close the opium establishments in Hongkong. He understood that that decision was arrived at without any previous consultation of local opinion, and this had caused great indignation among the unofficial members of the Legislative Council. Such high-handed proceedings were calculated, to defeat the object which both sides of the House had in viewthe reduction of the consumption of opium. In reply Colonel Seely, the Under-Secretary-forthe Colonies, said the Government did their best to ascertain the views of those who were To Amounts written off for deconversant with the question here, but it was lite impossible to Zet anything like a .reasonopinion from the authorities in Hongkong the appouncement of the Government's What he said then and what he reasw was that it was the policy of His Government to close the opium dens g. In carrying out this policy the would act throughout with the overnor, and he trusted that the ongkong and, of the Governor of the Government. We Hongkong will acquiesce kong does not, any morecouring colony of the miesce in the methods ans susprising when me without any preregard to the meateplace so considergross revenue of the kong may not enjoy the rament, the community at their interests should k that no unfair burden Just will act with excesinjure the prosperity of

polum smoking, has been very

the views that the colony as a

and that have become emphasised

cent action of the Colonial Office.

alst every credit is thus given for

Intentions, Hopgkong, as well as the

Bettlements, objects that it should

Enddenly, made the victim of the Home

fremment policy. In either case it has

very justification in demanding that if,

n fear, of the resolution to be passed by the

House of Commons, the Government so ma-

or revenue as one half in one case and one-third

agin the other, it should at least act up to its

herpica, and as majestically pass a resolution

relieving either colony of a large portion of the

levied from them, In the one case the ful. I is sugar reflueries would be impossible.

filment of their aspirations does not touch their material interests, and does touch the interests of others whose rights deserve consideration. The traffic and consumption of opium, like that of liquor in the West, has been long in existenc and long recognised, and large and important interests have naturally developed round it. To replace it is not, so easy a matter, and especially when the proportion towards the entire revenue is to great as in the present instance. That foreigners in China and Englishmen no less than other nationalities are desirous of assisting China in her policy of eradicating opium smoking may be seen by the action of the Municipal Council at Shanghai and the vote of the ratepayers to close down a proportion of the dens in the foreign settlement. But we must remember that no vice seems more difficult to stop, and there is the danger that morphia eating may supplant the smoking, This form of vice is less easily smoking, announce itself to the smell, would certainly be ironical if Hongkong and Straits are to suffer in the cause of a moral reform that may not be accomplished. The Home Government should, at least, be asked that if they desire the policy that they should also be willing to bear the burden. - L. & C. Habress.

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED. ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the Raub Austraian Gold Mining Company, Limited, reads: "The Directors herewith present the Balance | he thanked Mr. Wilson for the reception A.3 Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ending-31st-March, 1908; the Singapore Accounts incorporated therein being closed on the work he had just completed to examine.

the 29th February, 1908, General Manager-Mr. W. H. Martin, M.I.M.M.

-and has been forwarded to each Shareholder. The Directors are pleased to be able to announce that they have been able to secure the on the 27th ult, and is undergoing extensive services of Mr. W. H. Martin-whose term of appointment had expired-for at least another year, and in recording this fact they desire to point out that they regard the improvement now shown as being largely due to this gentleman's exertions.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, all the Directors-Messrs. De Burgh Persse, Robert Philip, George Frederick Scott and James Forsyth, and the Auditor, T.A. Bond -retire, but are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.

It will devolve upon the Meeting to elect Directors and Auditor, and to fix the Auditor's

> DE BURGH PERSSE. Chairman.

Brisbane, 6th June, 1908. BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1908. (Incorporating Singapore Balance to 29th February, 1908.) ..

a pit a l -- 200,000 Shares at £1 ... 200,000 0 0 Lass: 'Uncalled Capital on 150,000 Shares at 1/2 per Share 8,750 0 0 ..

Reserve ..... 4,873 10 10 Debenture - ..... 6,155 4 3 Government of The Federated Malay States ...... 5,042 '5 10 Sundry Creditors............... 3,300 10 2 £,210,621°11 ; 1

Asseta. Mining Property ......131,684. 17 6 Machinery, Plant, Buildings and -Furniture ...... 29,922 17 6 Electric Plant and Installation ... 24,338\_ 2 New Main Shaft and Plant ..... 12,097 10 Timber, Fuel and Stores- ...... 1,748. i 10 Sundry Debtors ..... Value of 140th Crushing and Balance Proceeds of 118th

and 130th Crushings ...... 7,210 10 Cash Balances ...... 1,335 19 Profit and Loss Account ..... 2,191 5 £210,621 11

PROFIT-AND LOSS.

1907.-April 1. To Balance ...... 11,358 1908 .- March 31. To Directors' and Auditors' Fees, Salaries and . Charges-Brisbane ..... To Wages and Expenses at Raub.

including cost of Singapore Office and Directors' Fees ... 35,833 13 40 preciation and cost of upkeepof machinery and plant, electrical plant and installa-

tion, buildings, furniture; also consumption of tools. implements, stores, timber 

£54,402 9 10 1907.-March 31. By Gold Account :--Net-Proceeds: of 13,844.677 ors, from 72,587 tons, after payment of royalty, cost of transit, insurance, etc...... \$2,211

THE SUGAR TRADE.

The sympathy is abundantly formation of a Trust, comprising the Dai export of yarn, as the supply for the home a safeguard, asked for twenty cents as security. In reply to another question, relating to the which he discussed oriental conditions in genewith the desire to eradicate Nippou and the Yokohama and Kobe Sugar demand has in no way decreased, and the quo- Chan Ho handed over a dollar bill and receivrasy, or do, result from undue pounced since China first started ing companies at 29,000 bales each per month. If the latter two companies combine, they still could not compete against the other company, dictates of the Dai Nippon. Should the negotiations come to a successful issue, the Dal Nippon calculates on clearing an additional jestically sweeps away so great an amount of profit of Y220,000 by the arrangement, to the

loss of the people generally, 'Here, therefore,

is an example of the evil done by protective

duties. If competition was free, and sugar came

in from abroad without tax; this and avour to

the consumer for the benefit of the shareholders

The Patrol Cruisers.

inspected by admiral Li Chun CHINESE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S

The ubiquitous Admiral Li Chun, comman-

Batisfaction.

der-in-chief of the Kwangtung Navy, is on a visit to the Colony in connection with his official duties. Admiral Li, who placed the order for the construction of the four West 'River" patrol cruisers with the Hongkong shipbuilding yards, evinced considerable interest in the progress of their building. forenoon to-day, accompanied by his suite, he visited the shippard of the Hongkong

two (out of four) of the cruisers are building perienced in the large number of miss-fires, for the Capton Provincial Government, The but for which it was hoped that the King Alfred Chinese Commander-in-Chief was received would have achieved a new record. Even in by Mr. W. Wilson, manager at Kowloon, these adverse circumstances the actual work is Admiral Li, who on the occasion of his first | extremely good and will with difficulty be exvisit, expressed considerable satisfaction with celled in other divisions of the Fleet. The the expeditious manner in which the contract I following are the full scores:--was being carried out by the Dock Co., reiterated his pleasure at the progress towards rapid completion which the construction of the cruisers had advanced. Both the vessels are all but finished. Admiral Li and his | 9-2" Aft. Turret. expert staff, who was attended by Capt. T. P. Hall, superintending surveyor on behalf of the Chinese Government, made a careful and minute examination of the vessels as they were shored up on the stocks. At the end of the inspection A.2

At their present rate of progress the cruisers | B 3 In reference to the foregoing accounts, the are expected to be launched by the third B.4 Directors desire to point out the highly satis- week in September, and as the engines will X.r. factory improvement that has taken place to already have been fitted up and completed mining operations during the past year. The the vessels will be ready to be delivered to | X.1 Annual Report, which deals very fully with | the naval authorities at Canton before the end these matters, has been furnished by the of next month, or well within contract time, Admiral Li Chun was also interested in the repair party engaged on H.M. destroyer Whiting which was stranded near Lycemun Pass repairs at Kowloon. The Chinese naval official had also an opportunity of seeing some of the other vessels crippled in the disastrous typhoon; he was unconsciously given a demonstration of the capabilities of the Dock staff and appliances on the occasion of his visit across the harbour this forenoon.

REORGANIZATION OF THIBET.

NEW REGULATIONS.

The Boards of Foreign and of Colonial Affairs in Peking have drawn up the following points concerning the re-organization of

These points have all been perused by the Empress-Dowager and they will be presented before the Dalai Llama when he visits Peking this month in company with his Japanese. advisor and a large retinue; besides those Chinese officials and soldiers who are to be provided by the Governor of Shansi to act as his escort from the Wutai mountain to the metropolis.

From a reliable source, I learn the points. are as follows:--

1.—The establishment of a Viceroy at Lhassa, with two Governors, one to reside at Lhassa and the other at Chando, after the methods of the Three Eastern Provinces of Manchuria. The Viceroy and the two Governors will be the colleagues of the Dalai Llama, who wil jointly administer Thibetan Government at

2.-The foreign intercourse affairs of Thibet will be entirely administered by the Viceroy at Lhassa with the co-operation of the Dalai

3.-The Thibetan army will be re-organized after the methods of the Peiyang Luchun forces from which instructors and commanders wil be selected for services in Thibet.

4,-Police forces are to be organized after the model of the Tientsin City Police which is now the best force in China of the kind. 5.-To revise the Thibetan Law and penal

6.—To promote the knowledge of the Thibetans by the establishment of modera schools and colleges in Lhassa, Chando and other important and hig cities in Thibet.

7.-To protect the Buddhist religion, which must be respected by all the natives in Thibel. 8.—The development of mining, railway and industrial affirs throughout Thibet for improving the financial condition of the Thibetans.

offices in both interior and posterior Thibet by the Chinese Board of Communications. 10.—The establishment of a branch office of the Chinese National Bank (Taching Ying Hong), at. Lhassa, for the convenience of the

Chinese and the Thibetaus.

China Critic.

9.-To establish branch post and telegraph

. 11 .- To promote the immigration of Chinese farmers to cultivate the waste arable grounds in Thibet, by offering them ample privileges. 12 .- To clearly define the boundaries with India and the Provincial Government of Szechuan, for preventing disputes in future.-

#### JAPANESE COTTON TRADE. RENEWED DEPRESSION.

The agreement to suspend the operation of 27.5 per cent. of the spindles in each mill for the purpose of restricting the output is to expire at the end of October next. We (Japan Caronicle) understand that Mr. Muto, Managing Director of the Kanegaluchi Spinning Company, has introduced a proposal to the Spinners' Association to extend the term and resume the enforcement of five holidays a mouth. The object of the proposal is to reduce the output of yarn by an additional to per cent: after October. It is stated that the council of three charges. She was accused of (1) being the Association support the proposal, regarding

tinue as depressed as at present, TRUST AMONG SUGAR REFINING COMPANIES. | market, the Otaka Jiji notes that by the sus- the story told to the magistrate, Chan Ho, on member for Darlington on 11th July, to the pension of spindles the monthly output of yarn the 16th altimo, went to a house in Third Street, effect that these particular cases are still before According to a Tokyo dispatch, printed in has been reduced by about 15,000 Japanese West Point, to engage a cubic. The landlady | the Prize Court, and that the Embassy is doing. flutter of excitement in official and diplomatic the Johan, Chronicis, negotiations for the bales, which is equivalent to a decrease in the agreed to rent her the room she wanted, but as all in its power to expedite the bearing. Refining companies, as proposed by the Dai tation of yarn now tuling-about Y112-can- ed as change eighty cents, in ten-cent pieces. Nippon, have made considerable progress, not be regarded as low. The quotation of After a while, Chan Ho returned the money to Commander, my right hon, friend must refer The object of the movement, like that of most | American raw cotton has declined by over Y2 | the landlady, saying that she wanted twenty- | the hon, member to the answer he gave on 2nd Trusts, is to raise the price of sugar, it is hoped lately, and the yarn market threatens to fall be- cent pieces instead of tens. This she received, oit, to the hon, member for North Hackney, in by 30 sen per picul. The producing power of low Ysgs. Speaking of the position of spinning To make a long story short, Chan He came to the Dai Nippon is calculated at 200,000 bags | companies, the Osaka journal goes on to say | the conclusion that she was not pleased with | had refused to submit the case to arbitration; and that of the Yokohama and the Kobe Refin- that in May and June last, when the market was the room and demanded her dollar bill back. comparatively low, and in view of the reduction | The landlady, not hungrying for any trouble, | regret at this decision, and have set forth in an of the output of yarn, large speculative pur- returned the money, Miss Chan handing back official despatch the grounds on which they are chases of stock were made by dealers in the the four twenty-cent pieces which she had re unable to share the views of the Imperial and they have no option but to follow the interior, the result being that the quantity con- ceived as change for her dollar bill. Curious to Government in declining to assent to their protracted for this month does not represent more remark, soon after the lady's departure, the land- posal. As my right hon, friend stated in his

HON MR. WEI YUK, C.M.G. THE INVESTITURE.

Friends of the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C M.C. will be interested to learn that invitations have been issued by His Excellency the Governor to the investiture of that gentleman with the Companionship of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, at Government House, on Wednesday, the 9th September, at 5.30 p.m.

THE CHINA SQUADRON.

H.M.S. "KING ALPRED'S" TARGET, PRACTICE.

H.M.S. King Alfred carried out her annual Heavy Gunlayers' tosts at Weihaiwei on and Whampus Dock Co., at Hunghom, where August 18. Considerable ill-luck was ex-

James, C. P. O...... Middleton P. O. ..... A.1 Casemate. Martin, C. P. O. ...... 9 Budden, Lead, Seam.... 11 accorded him and congratulated the manager A4 Greavett, P. O. 2 ........ 7 and his technical staff upon the efficiency of B.t Brown, A. B. ..... Hayward, P. O. I...... Osborne, P. O. 1 Warren, A. B. Smith, A. B. Topless, A. B. Jago, C. P. O. ...... 10 Jeffery, Gnr. R. M. A .... 10 Lammerton Sgt. R. M. A. 7 Scutching, Gnr. R. M. A. to .. Miller, Gara R. M. A. ... 10 Total number of Rounds do 0.2"

> Average round each C. P. O. Jago with 10 rounds 10 hits and Gar. leffery and Gnr. Miller each with to rounds 9 hits are the best 6" shots and C.P.O. James 9

17 rounds 12 hits,

rounds 7 hits the best 9.2" shot. In the Heavy G. L. Test last year the record of the King Alfred was for rounds hits bulls 

Average for 6" .guns .. 11 .10.25 6 This year the target has been considerably reduced, being now but the size of the built-eye last year (10-ft. by 8-ft.) so that the firing of the ship is highly creditable.

On August 19 H. M. S. Bedford carried out her Annual Gun Layers Test and with her 6 Guns (12-in No) fired 91 rounds with 65 hits: Average per gun 7.59 rounds, 5.42 hits. Hawkins P.O. I was best shot with to rounds

8 hits.-N. C. D. News. THE HUANGPU CONSERVANCY

THE COMMISSION DEADLOCK,

The N. G. D. News, of 25th ulto., says :- So many rumours have been current in connection with the Huangou Conservancy, that it may be advisable to state briefly what has happened penditure on the Huangpu Conservancy scheme. tion of the matter. The members of the Commission were unable to agree as to procedure, and they then obtained the consent of the Viceroy to delegate their duties to a Commission formed of Mr. W. A. Carlson (nominated by Mr. Hobson); Mr. J. O. Anderson (the Taotai's legal adviser, nominated by him); Mr. H. Du Flon Hutchison (nominated by Taotai Kwang); and Mr. J. C. E. Douglas (Mr. Ku Hung-ming's nominee). The articles of reference were drafted and the commissions were ready for signature, when, at the last moment a hitch occurred owing, it is believed, to some supposition that there would be objections from the Consular Body. It does not appear, however, that the Consular Body has been consulted in the matter, and under Article XI of the Contervancy Agreement it is doubtful whether it would have the right to intervene, its powers being limited to bringing to the notice of the Shanghai Customs Taotai and the Commissioner of Customs, any-want-of-diligence, care or economy. Only if no notice is taken of such representations has the matter to be referred to Poking. As a result of this temporary dead lock, Mr. Ku Hung-ming is proceeding to Nanking to interview the Vicercy. In view of the nature of the allegations that have been made it would appear to be as much in the interests of fairness to both parties as for the general satisfaction of the community, that an investigation should be conducted by an independent Com-

#### FEMALE COUNTERPRITER CONVICTED.

mission.

CÚRIOUS STORY UNFOLDED.

A female swindler, who was found guilty of uttering counterfeit coins, was dealt with in the Police Court last Saturday. The woman-Chan Ho-appeared before Mr. J. H. Kemp on in possession of four counterfeit twenty-cent it as inevitable, should the export of yarn con- pieces (2) passing off four twenty-cent pieces and (3) with being in possession of thirty-nine In regard to the prospect of the cotton yarn | counterfeit twenty-cent pieces. According to | returned to a similar question put by the hon.

PLUUR-MILLING IN MANCHURIA.

THE CONDITION OF THE MARKET.

market there is in a very depressed condition. by a Japanese gendarme at Peking, which are The importation of flour into Manchuria during | sent by the correspondent of the Asaki, it the progress of the war and subsequent to its appears that the Captain was engaged a few conclusion had been greatly on the increase. | years ago as a teacher in the Chinese Military A reaction, however, set in during the second College at Paoting fu, but was recalled by the half of last year, and the import of flour began | Japanese Government on account of misconto fall off. This tendency has been accentuate duct and placed on the retired list. In June ed since the beginning of the present year. | last year he arrived in Poking with certain According to an estimate furnished by a re- | documents alleged to relate to Japanese War liable authority, the total quantity of flour im- I secrets. At this time he was disguised as ported for this year will not exceed 800,000 a Chinese, assuming the Chinese name of sacks, which is less than one-third the quant- Chang Su-tre, and the surname of Hok ity imported in 1966. All the flour merchants | Ling, of Kinngsu. Moreover, he was lodging are suspending new orders and are trying at the house of a Chinese officer named Ting to clear their stocks as quickly as "possible, King. There it is alleged he was giving ineven at a loss. The importation of for- structions in military science to a class of some eign flour into" Manchuria in any quantity | ten Chinese officers, and betraying the War began in 1897, but owing to the comparatively secrets of Japan, being paid at very high rates. low price of native-milled flour and cereals the His secret, says the Asahi correspondent, was foreign article could not make much headway. | detected by the Japanese gendarmes stationed Up to 1903 the quantity of foreign flour an- in Peking as a Legation guard. On the 1st nually imported was 100,000 sacks or there- ultimo gendarmes were sent to bring him to abouts. Subsequently the sudden expansion the Legation, whereupon he drew a sword and of the purchasing power of the natives on offered resistance, with the result already account of the war and the rise in silver resulted | stated. Six trunks containing personal effects in a great increase in the import of flour." With were seized in his room. They were found to the fall of silver and the resumption of a normal | contain also many papers relating to military condition of exchange, however, the importa- affairs of a confidential nature. The incident tion of flour has begun to decline, resulting in took place in broad daylight and the news toon the existing dulness of the trade. In view of spread among the Chinese and Japanese the low scale of living prevailing in Man- residents. churia, it is believed that the demand for . At first the paticulars of the affair were kept -a-large quantity-of-imported-flour-chinot-be-secret in consideration of the diplomatic relaexpected in the near future. The lise on the tions between Japan and China, for it is allegprice of flour owing to the fluctuation of ed a certain Chinese high official was involved exchange has been very great, ast may in the matter, though the Waiwupu was in no be seen from the fact that a brand that was way concerned. Not being aware of these cirquoted at Mukden at \$2.30 (Chinese currency) cumstances, continues the correspondent, the per sack in January last year is now sold at | Chinese Home Department considered the \$2.95. In such circumstances, it is not sur- action of the Japanese gendarmes in arresting prising that the foreign flour trade in Manchu- Captain Kawakita in the house of a Chinese ria should experience such a depression as at subject, without giving notice to the Chinese present. 'Notwithstanding the unlavourable authorities, as an infringement of the sovereign condition of the imported article the trade in tights of China, and on the 3rd ultimo a protest Manchurian flour is carried on satisfactorily. was lodged through the Waiwupu with the Ja-The product of the Manchuria Flour Mill Com- panese Minister in Peking against the action pany is very favourably received in the market. of the gendarmes, to which a reply was made The "Red" and "Yellow Dragon" marks especially are selling tremendously. The qualities of these brands are said to compare favourably with first-class American flour. "Red Dragon" brand at Tiebling is quoted at \$2.77 mes and is attacking the Japanese authorities (equal to Y2.10 Japanese currency), being under cover of the simple principle of the law to sen cheaper than American flour, of of nations. The Chinese newspapers declare a similar quality. .. It is generally believed that Japan, acting under the influence of her that the product of the Manchuria Flour Mill victory over Russia, may slight the Chinese Company will monopolise the flour market of Government, but cannot slight the Chinese Mukden before long. Harbin flour appears people with impunity. They urge that, as a on the market from time to time, but owing to measure of retaliation, the Chinese authorities its inferior quality and high price\_its demand-|-should, without-giving-notice-to the -- Ispaneseis limited. As this year's wheat crop in Man- Government, arrest Chinese revolutionists who churia is very successful the native product is Lare taking shelter in Japan. likely to further extend its influence in the market, to the proportionate depression of the | in the opinion that the course taken by the trade in foreign flour. Mr. Goto, of the Manchuria Flour Mill

Company, in an interview regarding the prospects of the flour-milling, industry in Manchuria, states that the industry in North Manchuria, which had greatly expanded during the war, sustained a great blow owing to the cessation of hostilities and the consequent falling-off in the demand. Latterly, however, a revival has taken place and sales are being ing our company's goods at half the regular Company is also giving assistance to our company in various directions. It must be said that our company is most fortunately situated as compared with the flour-milling people at home. At present the company is placing on stance as compared with flour manufactured in Japan. The present producing capacity of our | February. mills is only 1,200 sacks, or 400 koku per day, effectually check the importation of foreign flour and to crush the native hand mills which are scattered about different parts of the pro-

#### RUSSIAN CAPTURES AT SBA.

In reply to a question by Mr. M'Arthur on 17th July as to the claims for compensation for losses sustained by the British ships St. Kilda, Hipsang, and Oldhamia during the Russo-

Tapaneso war. Mr. J. A. Pease; on behalf of the Foreign Secretary, said: My right honourable friend has nothing at present to add to the answer be

Knight Commander, Culchas, and Malacca, Mr. J. A. Pease said : As regards the Knight which he stated that the Russian Government His Majesty's Government have expressed their than the output of 40 per cent, of the spindles lady discovered that the eight ten-cent pieces answer to the hon, member for Darlington on now in operation in the Empire. The Kane- and four twenty-cent pieces which she had 11th ult., the attention of the Russian Governgasachi is the only company which has con- received from Chan Ho were counterfeit. This | ment has again been called To the case of the tracts for all its output up till the end of next resulted in Chan Ho's arrest. On these charges | Calches, The Russian-Government have suggested by the New York Herald, and merely month, and all the other companies are mak. the accused was found guilty. She was sen- agreed to pay a lump sum in satisfaction of the laughs at the proposal as the usual empty ing strenuous efforts to dispose of this month's tended to three months hard labour on the first claims arising out of the detention of the opinion of the Herald. The published stateproduct, being driven to push forward the dis- and second charges, and on the third to pay a Peninsplar, and Oriental Company's steamers possed of stock by the steady drop in American fine of \$170, or go to good for a forther term of Malesce and Formara, and these cases are in Chinese Minister, has been denied as an unique

THE PERING ARREST. TRONG PROTEST OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

According to Intelligence from Manchuria From further particulars of the circumstances published in the Japanese Press, the flour attending the shooting of Captain Kawakita,

on the 17th.

"The Chinese Press," remarks the correspondent, "ignorant of the circumstances, is wildly indignant at the action of the gendar-.

"The Peking foreign diplomatic corps concur Japanese authorities in such circumstances was inevitable. There is said to be a precedent where the German authorities in Peking arrested a German criminal in a Chinese house in the capital."

The Araki has obtained the following narrative from a gentleman who has just returned from Peking to Tokyo:

"Shortly after 11 o'clock on the morning of the 1st ultimo a gendarmerie officer, with about steadily extended. At present there are six twenty men, all in private clothes, visited the flour mills at Harbin, of which three are run lodging of Captain Kawakita-the house of a under Russian management. The total Chinese officer named Ting-and applied for daily output of these six mills amounts for an interview with him: Captain Kawakita up to date. Towards the end of July, Mr. Ku to 12,000 sacks, or 4,000 koku, which is was sitting in an inner room. Apparently Hung-ming brought to the notice of the Board almost equal to the daily production of he was about to run away, but the house alleged irregularities of a serious nature in all the mills in Japan. Harbin flour is was surrounded by gendarmes and he came regard to the dredging contract and the ex- chiefly supplied to the Eastern Chinese Railway out. After exchanging a few words with the district, the Amur and Vladivostok districts, gendarmerie officer, Captain Kawakita drew a When these allegations were brought to the Changehun and neighbourhood. South Man sword and tried to attack the gendames. notice of Viceroy Tuan Fang, his Excellency churia, however, is almost entirely free from A hard struggle ensued, and during the excitenominated a. Commission, composed of Mr. its invasion, "With regard to the flour-mil- ment someone fired a revolver and Captain H. E. Hobson (Commissioner of Customs), the ling industry in South Manchuria," continued | Kawakita fell, whereupon the gendarmes, poun-Shanghai Taotai, Taotai Kwang of the Kiang- Mr. Goto, "practically there are no mills ced upon and arrested him. He was alive until nan Dock and Engineering Works, and Mr. | worthy of note except those at Tiehling belong- the party reached the front of the Legation. Ku Hung-ming, to make a thorough investiga- ing to the Manchuria Flour Mill Company. There he expired. One of the trunks seized in Our mills, situated at a few minutes' walk from his room was found to be full of military maps the Tiebling, are very conveniently located for and documents, among which were included a the collection of raw materials and the distri- map of the Hiroshima fortifications, of which he bution of the manufactured product. The was a staff officer at one time, and papers relatworking of the mills was commenced in June | ing to the Russo-Japanese War belonging to the last. The supply of material is plentiful, as the cth or Hiroshima Army Division, which he stole average annual yield of wheat in South Man- | during the time he was attached to the headchuria is estimated at something like 3,000,000 | quarters of the Army Division. He sold the secret koku. The price of Manchurian wheat is also I papers to the Chinese War Office. 'Among the about Y2.50 per koku cheaper than that of the maps sold were maps of Manchuria, Port Arthur, panese article. In addition to this our com- and the district about Mukden, which were pany has the benefit of a loan of Y100,000 from | drawn from practical surveys. The sale of the the Yokohama Specie. Bank , without any documents was negotiated for the War Office security, the Eastern Chinese Railway is carry. by high Chinese officers. Captain Kawakita was receiving not less than 1,000 taels a month, freight, while the South Manchuria Railway | Of this sum he was spending only 200 or 300 tacks, remitting the remainder to his family in Tokyo. The total amount of money so remittedi is said to have exceeded to,oop taels. It was in the autumn of 1906 that he was dismissed from service in the Chinese army. He arrived the market-four-brands of flour, the prices of a second-time in Paking in January last: which are 20 sen per sack cheaper in each in. Owing to the illness of his child, he returned to Tokyo, but went back to Peking again in

> "It seems that he lived in apprehension of and the price of the flour is comparatively his crime being discovered. He carried poison dear, but when mills are constructed and work- with him, presumably to swallow in the event ed at Yinkow, Mukden and Antung, as pro- of his arrest. In a trunk belonging to the posed, a larger quantity will be offered at a officer was found a will, in which he requested reduced price, and it will not be difficult to I that his eldest son should be sent to an Imporial University, in addition to detailed instructions as to his wife's future.

At first the Chinese authorities protested against the action of the gendarmes, but when it was impressed upon them that the protest' would lead to the exposure of the fact that the deceased officer had been tempted by the Chinese authorities to commit the crimel of which he was accused, the protest was dropped."-Japan Chronicle.

AMERICA AND CHINA.

THE SUGGESTED ALLIANCE.

Washington, August 25. Candidate William H. Taft has caused a circles by statements made to-day in a speech, in ral and declared that the United States should aid in the development of China, The speech has been widely reported and the dictum on China has been given a special significance in view of the recent proposal of an alliance between the United States and China, The opposition has seized upon the remarks as an occasion to point a moral and adorn a tale of the dangers a of imperialism and entangling alliances, while the friends of the candidate interpret the declaration as throwing a new light upon the castern situation and point the way for American diplomacy.-Gablenesus American,

The New York Press refuses to discuss the proposed alliance between America and China. ment attributed to Mr. Wu Ting-lang, the

LIFE SAVING. PROPOSED VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY CORPS.

It is proposed to raise a Volunteer Emergency Corps for the purpose of saving life on the harbour front during typhoons. Life buoys, ropes, &c., will be provided at convenient intervals along the Praya, and the sea front at

Kowloon. ' As a certain amount of organisation is required to ensure co-operation and secure the best results, it is necessary that intending volunteers shall pledge themselves to obey the orders of the officer in charge of the party, who will be the Assistant Harbour Master, or one of the Harbour Department Boarding Officers or some other Government officer deputed by the Harbour Master or by the Captain Superintendent of Police.

Any person who is willing to volunteer for the Victoria Corps is requested to communicate his name, private address, and place of business to the Harbour Master in order that he may be allotted a station as near as possible to the place in which he may be expected to be

Volunteers for the Kowloon Corps are similarly requested to send, in their names to the Captain Superintendent of Police. The foregoing appears as a notification in the current issue of the Government Ganette.

SHIPPING CASUALTIES IN JAPAN.

UNUSUALLY PREVALENT.

The list of shipping casualties is usually small at this time of the year, owing to the fact that the sea is as a rule fairly calm between April and September. This year, however, has proved an exception, as may be judged from the fact that between the 25th of July and the 9th August eight steamers, with an aggregate tonnage of 6,827, were stranded or wrecked, the amount covered by insurance aggregating Y401,000. The names of the steamers coming to grief and the amount of insurance covered on each vessel are as

Steamers,	Amoun Insura
Daini Fukuyama Dainta Scinhi Ono	
" KODE	HON, RATS."
THE VAL	UR OF "RATIN."

The following minutes relative to the reports on experiments conducted in Indian laboratories on Indian field and house rats with Ratin N. , were considered by members of the Sanitary, Board at their fortnightly meeting last Tuesday

afternoon: Hon. Colonial Secretary,-May I have permission to circulate these papers to the Sanitary Board? So far, "Common Sense Poison "has proved

best in Hongkong. The lodian Government might be asked to inform us what poison they have found

most efficacious. Ratin is evidently of little use. It is of some use as a poison, but as starting an infectious disease communicable to other rats it is worthless. So far, plague, the most infective disease among rate, has not reduced the rat population to any appreciable extent.

(Sd.), C. Mcl. MESSER, Head, Sanitary Dept.

The following was the conclusion arrived at by the Indian authorities with regard to the efficiency of "Ratin" on rats :-

"Ratin" has now been given a thorough trial on two occasions. There is on this second occasion no ground for the suggestion that the "Ratin" was dead, as experiment proved it to be alive and virulent; so one must come to the conclusion that "Ratin" as a measure against Indian field and house rats is a failure.

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper minuted:-This very interesting and should be discussed. fail to see any reason for asking the Colonial Secretary's permission to circulate these papers to the members of the Board, considering the Government sent them to the Board. Mr. Lau Chu, Pak; -! suppose this poison

will also kill cats, which people are advised to keep. In Chinese houses, it is not safe to. leave poison all over the place. The Medical Officer of Health :- Will it kill children?

COTTON YARN MARKET.

GLOOMY PROSPECT OF JAPANESE EXPORTS TO CHINA.

The export of yarn to China continues depressed, shipments having almost entirely stopped, while the home market is lifeless. The reduction of the output by 27.5 per cent for five months from May 1st last has slightlyexport to China, the Japan Chronicle says, is gloomy, with no prospect of improvement in the near future. A proposal to extend the term of restricted output by five months, and -to revive the five holidays a month arrange-. ment, is to be considered at a meeting of spinpers to-day.-If-the-proposal is adopted. the putput will be reduced by 40 per cent. It is pointed out that the total output of yarn in Japan is 960,000 bales, of which 360,000 bales are exported and 600,000 consumed in / Japan. If the production is reduced by 40 per cent, it means the discontinuance of nightwork at all the mills. The total output will then be reduced to 576,000 bales, which quantity is scarcely sufficient to supply the home demand. As a result the market for Japanese yarn which has been established in South and Central China during the past ten years. rendered possible by the outbreak of plague in India, may be recaptured by Indian yarn: According to the Asahi, not much importance

is attached to the proposal of further restriction of output. It is pointed out that the total number of spindles among the mills in the Empire | typhoon, and has again to suffer from its engaged in spinning coarse yarn is 960,000, ravages, when it has scarcely emerged from all Of this number, 250,000 are sealed up to maintain a reduction of output as agreed upon | September, 1906. Fortubately, the wires anby the spinning companies, and 70,000 or 80,000 | nounce that timely warning was afforded by are lying idle either for repairs or owing to a the Observatory, and the loss of life has not lack of operatives, so that the actual number of | been so great, though the damage to abinspindles in operation is not more than 600,000, ping, and property, is considerable; . . The Therefore, as these idle spindles would be taken list of strandings and collisions is unforinto account, the reduction of output proposed | tunalely considerable, and much damage. is would be only nominal. There are a few new | reported amongst the numerous laupches spinning mills in course of construction, but | that usually render Hongkong harbour so most of them are for silk or fine yers. The lively a speciacle. This also means, as a rule. only new coarse yarn mills are the Akashi mill much damage amongst lighters and small craft of the Setten Spinning Company and the used for loading and unloading steamers. Still, Takasago mill of the Kapogafuchi Company, there is reason to hope that the total claims and the number of spindles in these new mills ! will not be so heavy as two years ago, They to be brought into operation by April next is may be numerous, but individual losses are not estimated at no more than to,000,

CEILINGS AND STAIR-LININGS.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Al the fortulghtly meeting of the Sanitary Board, last Tuesday afternoon, the following report of the committee appointed to consider the question of the removal of ceilings and stnir-linings, was considered:-

1. The committee are of opinion that scheme for a compulsory and systematic re moval of ceilings and stair-linings should be adopted as a means to prevention of rat infestation, subject to certain expenses being paid by the Government and the granting of exemp tions in particular cases.

2. The committee recommends that byelaws in the following sense by made by the Board under section 16 s.s. 3; (G).

(al) The Board may define any district of any portion thereof as an area within which, upon two weeks' notice being given, all ceilings and stair-linings shall be forthwith removed.

(b.) The Board may grant any exemption or . modification to the above order upon any conditions that the Board may deem advisable.

(c.) The Sanitary Department shall, at its expense, remove such ceilings and staittings, paint, limewash or colour-wash any. surfaces exposed by such removal and take such steps to make floors watertight as the Board may deem proper; and in addition thereto or in lieu thereof, the Sanitary Department shall grant such compensation as the Board may consider sufficient.

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper minuted :- This should not apply to European houses or offices. Two weeks' notice is too short.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak :- I do not think a distinction should be made. The committee appointed for the carrying out of this work will, no doubt, see that proper justice is done and as little friction as possible caused.

'IAPANUSE SUGAR, RUFIAING COMPANY

SERIOUS ACCUSATION BY VERNACULAR

The Osaka Asaki brings a serious accusation against the directors of the Nagoya Sugar Refining company. Since the Dai Nippon, Yokobama, and Kobe Sugar Refining companies have been in full operation, says the Osaka journal, the production of sugar has begun to exceed the demand, and the companies have been making the handsome profits shown by their balance sheets only by virtue of an agreement among themselves to restrict the output. The Nagoya Sugar Refining Company, esblished in December 1905, with a capital of Y1,000,000, of which Y500,000 is paid up, is under the management of Mr. Shiraishi Heisuke, President; Mr. Shiraishi Fusijiro, Vice-President; and Mr. Hirako Toku-yemon, Managing Director. These gentlemen, despite the wishes expressed by the shareholders to wind up the concern, have been pushing on preparations for opening business. Shares of sugar-refining companies have fallen considerably, despite the dividends paid. Even the quotations of shares of the Toyo, Toa, Meiji, and Ensuike Sugar Refining companies have fallen below the amount paid up, and those of the Nagoya Company, Y25 paid up, lell as low as Y5 at one time. Since a report was recently circulated that the Dai Nippon would purchase the Nagoya company, its shates have slightly recovered; but the price realised for some 6,000 of the unpaid shares of the company, disposed of by public auction on the 17th instant, was only a little over Yo each on an average. Machinery capable of producing too tons a day, imported through the Yonei Shoten; a Tokyo firm, arrived recently at Nagoya, but many of the shareholders having failed to pay the amount of share money called up, the company is experiencing difficulty in settling the bill for the machinery. "While the directors of the company, having personally guaranteed the payment, were striving hard to find means to settle the bill, the Dai Nippon let out a hint that it was not unwilling to purchase all the shares (20,000) of the company in order to prevent any more sugar-refining companies being promoted. The directors of the Nagoya company were, says our contemporary, as pleased. at this news as a thirsty man is at the prospect of obtaining water .. But this tempted the directors to form an intrigue. At the middle of last month, a certain gentleman, well acquainted with a leading Kobs merchant who has large interests in the Kobe Sugar Refining Company. Blopped at Nagoya on his way-from Kobe to Tokyo, and had a protracted interview with the duectors of the Nagoya compay. This gave rise to a rumour that the Nagoya company was to be incorporated with the Kobe company, Strangely enough, the directors of the company declared that a call would be made on the shares, and this terrified the shareholders into disposing of their shares at any price. Thereupon the directors purchased over 4,000 shares at a nominal amount through secret agents, and acquired about 6,000 shares at the auction on, the 17th ultimo at about Yo each as mentioned. Altogether they acquired over 11,000, shares-more improved the position, but the outlook for these than one half of the whole number of shares of the company. After this Mr. Hirako, managing director, and Mr. Shiraishi, vice-president, proceeded to Tokyo and offered to sellthe company to the 'ai Nippon. The terms proposed, says the journal, are advantageous only to the directors They are to the effect that the shares held by the directors should be bought at Y25, the prid-up amount, those acquired by them at the price at which the hammer fell-about Yo each-and those held by others at any rrice the Dai Nippon thought fit to offer. Messis. Hirako and Shiraishi signed a provisional agreement in Tokyo, but they have not yet announced the result. Even moderate Nagova shareholders will not passively submit themselves to such despotic action on the part o the directors, and the future of the company is

THE RECENT TYPHOON.

Hongkong has again been visited by a the blows delivered by the severe visitation of expected to be very beavy .- L & C. Express.

GOAT PLESH FOR INDIAN TROOPS.

QUESTION QF SLAUGHTER FEES.

Correspondence relative to slaughtering animals outside Slaughter Houses for consideration in connection with the question of calling for tenders for next years Slaughter House contract, was considered by the Sanitary Board last Tuesday afternoon. Appended is the

Head, Sanitary Department, -Formerly, all goats except a very few were slaugh tered in slaughtered in the Slaughter House, the contractor collected a fee.

Now as the slaughter house is a longer way | for the decision are given as follows:off at Ma Tau Kok, the Indian troops have taken to killing the goat all in the Barracks. This they are estitled to do under section 62 of Ordinance 1 of 190 -

The contractor is now trying to collect his fee and is pressing Tung Wing who, under the name of Arculli, has the contract for supplying the Indian troops with goat flesh (see letter attached).

though he could hardly have anticipated this contingency when he took the contract.

ADAM GIBSON.

18th August, 1908.

Colonial Veterinary Surgeon,-We had cuer await further development. C. McI. MESSER. 18th August, 1908.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1908. Dear Sir, -We have the honour to inform you that we pray you to tell the tax contractor if he come again, that though he wished money out we are not lawful to pay him, because the goats were not slaughtered within the Slaughter House but they were slained by the Indians and the native troops themselves in their own places, therefore it is no matter to me, and we had never given to the old contractors before. If he wouldn't lisen to my word then we beg him to ask the Government for it and proclaim what he want to say; with obliged.-We

TUNG WING BUTCHERY,

The petition from Mr. Ng Kwong, No. 45, Connaught Road Central. Sheweth :- That since he took over the contract for Kowloon Slaughter House on January 1st, 1908, he has found from inquity made that Tung Wing, mutton stall holder No. 1. Central Market, who has been in the habit of supplying goat flesh daily to the Indian Barracks at Kowloon, after he has slaughtered the goats, he supplies the lesh to the soldiers with the exception of skins and entrails, which he keeps back for himself. From which it can be seen: without any doubt. that he actually slaughters goats there. Your petitioner has on many occasions asked Tung Wing for payment of slaughtering fees, but he refused. Petitioner, also states that he pays to the Government a sum of \$11,232,00 in a year for the contract for slaughtering cattle, swine, sheep and goats for Kowloon and some other places. Government Slaughter House bye-law No. 2 of 1903 says in effect that if any person wants to slaughter goals he has to pay a fee of 20 cents per head to the contractor. From information received, he finds that Tung Wing slaughters over 260 in a month; so from January up to the present date he has slaughtered over 2,000 goats without paying any fee to your petitioner; so the

privilege your petitioner has lost is very great. That under the above circumstances he prays that your. Honour will kindly see your way clear to instruct Tung Wing to pay him in accordance with the Government, contract the amount of slaughtering fees for the number of goats he has already slaughtered, for which favour your petitioner as in duty bound will

ever pray. To the Secretary, - Sanitary Board 20th August, 1908.

The Hon, Registrar-General minuted:-The successful tenderer should be made to establish slaughter houses, at convenient centres, or in the alternative to waive his rights over-places which are out of range:

REGISTRATION OF TRADE-

MESSRS, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.'S APPLICATION REJECTED.

an application sent in by Messrs. Jardine, the exception of the poles, all the islands scatter-Matheson & Co., No. 1, Yokohama, asking for | ed about on the face of the globe have been a registration of the trade-mark "Comet." The taken poisession of by one country or another Japan Gazette states that the firm, in their peti- | whereas the seas which comprise two-thirds o tion, asked that the trade-mark " Comet" be re- the earth are owned by nobody and offer gistered as No. 49,788. The Patent authori- suppendous possibilities for apy people ambitities rejected the application on the ground lous enough to seek their fortunes in this vas that the above trade-mark is similar to field. The seas harbour in their bosoms untold that Gready registered as No. 15,287 which imillions of wealth to be gathered by anybody represents a comet, though the word who is plucky enough to essay the task firm protested, contending that their trade with these wealth-laden seas. There is no mark in the application is represented by the reason why a sea-faring people like the word " Comet," whereas the already-registered | Japanese should not do something great on the trademark No. 15,287 is represented by the sea. Another atrong point to be urged in picture of a comet, so that there is a difference | favour of Japan is that undoubtedly she is the between the two. Furthermore, the firm country which possesses the largest number of urged that their trademark applied for will be ships in the world. In saying this of course remembered by the public as being represent- the tonnage is left out of consideration, and ed by a character and the No. 15,287 as bearing the representation of a comet itself. The Patent authorities maintain that the firm's application is to be treated under No. 4 of Art. 2 of the Trademark Law and thus dismissed the application.

> GRIFFINS. FIRST SHANGHAL SALES.

The N. G. D. News of 27th August save: The season's first sales of griffins were held at the Shanghai Horse Bazzar on Tuesday and ACR.CIGGA CACTIONS' DIABLE MCIG-INITIA DB. merous and the prices were satisfactory, generally, although no large amounts were paid, On Tuesday a pice white popy fetched Tle. 250 and a useful looking brown went at Tls. CLAIM ON BILLS OF BXCHANGE 220. Yesterday a very likely looking dark grey, attracted a good deal of attention, but bidding was not insistent and it was knocked down for Tis, 160. Another pony that suggested possibilities of success on the track-a nice grey, held up the hammer until Tis, 150 was Squadron had offered to present a cup under China ponies being bone fide griffins at date of entry, and purchased at a public auction of in default of defendants on the 20th ultimo. more than "He #50. - Weight for inches as per of plaintiffs and defendants were ordered to scale. Butrance fee Tis. S.

ATTEMPT TO SELL A MAP TO RUSSIA.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST JAPANESE.

The decision is published of the preliminary examination on a charge of violation of the War Secret Protection Law, of Ishiyama Shinichiro, a barrister, of Sapporo, and Kushi tani Kunimatsu, barbour-works engineer, also of the Hokkaido, who attempted to sell a, confidential map of the Maisuru Naval Station to the Russian Legation in Toyko, reports the Jopan Chronicle of 23rd ult. The case has been the Hunghom Slaughter House. For those committed for trial in the Court of Major -Crimes." The arrest of the accused has already been referred to in our columns. The reasons

Kushitani Kunimatsu was a gishu (assistant civil augineer) in the Navy and served in the Temporary Navy Construction Bureau being chiefly engaged in the drawing of plans. About August, 1900, he obtained and concealed in his house a photographic reproduction of a map of the Maizuru Naval Station, which was ranked as a military secret. Knowing the nature of the map, Kushitani, in conjunction. I am afraid that the contractor must lose, with Ishida Chintare, proposed to sell it and make a large profit; He cut the map into 26 fragments, and in May, 1907, handed two of the pieces to Ishiyama Shinichiro at the latter's house at Kita-Nijo Nishi-shichome, Sapporo, in the Hokkaido, and on June 5th, 1907, dispatched cleven of the cut pieces of the map by parcels post to Ishiyama at the Ariake-kwan, a hotel at Tsukiji, Tokyo. Ishiyama Shinichiro, knowing that the map was of a confidential nature, received "thirteen fragments from Kushitani, as mentioned. On June 1st, 1907, Ishiyama, under a certain pretext, summoned Suzuki-Shozo, Japanese Interpreter in the Russian Legation, to the Arlake-kwan, and showed him the thirteen fragments map, telling that he could obtain remaining. thirteen fragments" to make the map complete at any time from the holder, and asked Suzuki to sell the map to the

> time handing one of the fragments to him as a .The facts have been fully established by evidence, and the action of Kushitani falls under the purview of Article I. of the 'War Secrets Protection Law (which renders him liable to penal servitude from twelve to fifteen years) and the action of Ishiyama falls under Article I of the same law (which renders him liable to

Russian military attaché for him, at the same

TAPAN AS A MARITIME POWER.

imprisonment from 0 to 11 years).

INTERVIEW WITH COUNT OKUMA: The "Sage of Waseda," as Count Okuma is sometimes called, continues to enliven the columns of the Japanese Press by his sprightly. eloquence. Interviewed by a representative of the Hochi, Count Okuma dilated on the tremeddous possibilities of Japan as a se Power. His conversation, if somewhat devoice of solid argument, will nonetheless be read with interest. Although the German Emperor openly declares, pays Count Okuma, that the future expansion of his country lies, seawards, this would appear to be an idle beast on the part of the Kaiser. Germany is neither a maritime nor a mountainous country; it is a country main ly consisting of plains. No flat country has ever made any startling development. Japan, however, is situated in entirely different surroundings. All the places where Japanese influence is felt are touched by the sea. From Saghalien to Formosa; and from the Korean peninsula to the Behring Straits the aggregate length of the coast line under Japan's influence reaches nearly 10,000 miles. No country in the world possesses such an extensive coast line as Japan. Herein lies her strong point. Nothing can more inspire a people with a spirit of ambition and adventure than life in a sea-girt country. It is recorded in Japanese history that at those periods when the country was split up by internecine strife many intrepid-jadventurers attempted expeditions across the sea. A parallel may be found in the Middle Ages in European history, when piracy was engaged in on a gigantic scale, towns being captured and even countries being conquered by sea marauders. Denmark and Scandinavia furnish many such instances. Modern warships, in the construction of which all civilised countries are competing, may be regarded as a development of

the piratical fleets of those times. The dismal failure in which the ambitions of Napoleon Bonapatte culminated, with all his greatness, must be attributed to his failure to take proper advantage of the sea. The fal of Spain and the rise of the British Empire may be cited as notable examples of failure to utilise the sea on the one hand and its success-The Patent Bureau on the 15th ult. rejected ful exploitation on the other. Perhaps, with "Comet" is not attached to the latter. The Heaven has favoured Japan in surrounding her craft of all sorts, from the leviathan warship down to the small fishing boat, are included True, Great Britain is said to possess half the tonnage in the world, but as far as number is concerned the palm will have to be accorded to Japan. With an extensive coast-line and a large number of ships at her command the future of Japan as a maritime country must be said to be very promising. President Roosevelt believes that the United States will in the future be predominant in the Pacific, but this must remain merely a question of the future. Perhaps the President's remark may refer to the political influence of America. To counterbalance this, Japan should expand her interests on the sea slong peaceful and econom lines. - Japan Chronicls.

L'DHANJIBHOY B. PRTIT AND COMPANY P. VARMA AND COMPANY.

judgment was delivered on 22nd ultimo in reached. None of the remainder brought high the Kobe Chiho Saibansho in the action brought figures. Chinese dealers were on the by Dhar jibhoy B. Petit & Company, of Bomlookout for harness ponies, but they bay, against Jamsedjee Maneckjee Namporia superior class. did not purchase to any great extent, and Chugon Khersj, proprietors of Varma & Co. Tuesday evening Captain Keylock No. 38b. Kobe, for the recovery of Y174,594.04 stated that the officers of H. M. China on bills of exchange drawn on the defendants firm for shipments of raw cotton. As already the f flowing conditions; British Navy Cup, stated, it was alleged that the defendant firm One Mile, Presented. Second pony Tis. 100. accepted the bills, took delivery of the raw If five or more starters third pony Tis. 75. For | cotton and sold it, but failed to meet the bills when they became due. The case was heard of Shanghai Race Club at an actual cost of not | Judgment was delivered yesterday in favour. pay to plaintiff the sum claimed with ocets.

CONTON SPINNING IN TIENTSIN.

THE NEW MILLING CO.

The two Chinese officials who have been selected by Taotai Chow Hush-hai, Managina Director of the future Chinese Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mill in Tientsin, for proceeding to England and other European and Japanese countries, to make personal investigations about foreign mills, will leave here for Europe via the Trans-Siberian route in a few days, at the expense of the Provincial Government of Chihli; because the proposed mill will be established by the Polyang Vice-royalty, reports the China Critic.

After the return of these two delegates next year Tactai Chow will then proceed to obtain the sum of Tis. 5,000,000 or \$5,000,000 as capital, entirely from Chinese sources, for the establishment of this mill, after foreign methods. so as to compete with the foreign mills China, and also to check the yearly increased import of foreign cotton and cotton yarn into this Empire.

The machinery, which was formerly purchased by the Tartar-General of Ili for the establishment of a cotton mill at Ili, has been given to Viceroy Yang of Chihli, who is now consulting the Board of Commerce in-Peking about the purchase of a new set of spinning and weaving machinery from the United States, so that a first class mill may be established in North China

Provinces, has been advised by the Board of Commerce to provide funds for the enlargement and reorganization of the Chinese Govern- alleged. She was then running under full sail. ment cotton mill at Yangtzepu, Shanghai, which was established many years ago by H.E. | the Russian territorial waters was thirty miles Sheeg Kung-pao, in 'order to improve the from the shore, so that whether the vessel was Chinese cloth trade in course of time.

The Chinese authorities in North China are paying considerable attention to the proposed mill at Tientsin, because if it be properly managed it will help much to reduce the import of foreign cotton yarn into China in future,

Taotai Chow is making some preliminary preparations so that the big industrial enterprise may be established in this part of the Chinese Empire, before 1910.

Tagtai Chow, who was once salt commissioner of Tientsin, is taking an active part in the promotion of Chinese industries in North China at the present time, for he is also the managing Director of the Lanchow Mining and the Peking Water Works Companies.

> NEW FRENCH COUNCIL BUILDINGS IN SHANGHAI.

Work is proceeding apace on the new French Council buildings which are in course of construction at the corner of Avenue Pau Brunst and the Rue Soy Chan. The buildings will include a fire station, infirmary and gaol and will be of four storeys, surmounted, by watch tower ninety feet in height, Externally the buildings will be faced with fed, brick and roofed with corrugated galvanized iron. The floors, where they are wood, will be Singapore red-wood, carried, in some instances, on joists of Oregon pine and is other cases of Singapore hard wood. The buildings will be grouped round a quadrangle which forms the police yard, on the north side of which will be the police offices, over which are the quarters for the Chipese police with windows on the north and south side. On the west side there are two large sheds, one with room for forty rickshas and the other accommodatingsix carriages. As these are entirely open to the yard the work of inspecting the vehicles will be greatly facilitated. Over these sheds are the quarters for the Annamite police. On the south side are the quarters for the European members of the staff, the ground floor being given up to general and common rooms. At the west end of this building is a lecture room, accommodating over sixty persons, an assembly room and reading room with a verandah fronting south, and at the castern end are the dining rooms, etc. The three upper floors provide private rooms for members and quaiters for the servants. On the east side of the quadrangle there is a detached single storied block in the centre of the yard containing the prisoners' cells which are so arranged: as to be easily inspected by the guards. bough separate cells are not provided for each prisoner, sufficient have been constructed to provide "for separate confinement where it might be deemed neces-Each of the cells is provided with an iron grille opening on to the yard and all the windows are barred. The walls and the floors of each cell are cemented and a slightly raised platform is provided on which prisoners can sleep. Entering the gaol from Avenue Paul Brunat, to the right of the archway are the reception rooms, wherein the pr soners are received before being placed into the cells, and at the southern end of the wing is the large kitchen. The workshop occupies the centre of the south ai to of the square and can be opened on all sides in summer. The cells already referred to are on the eastern side, fiftyone on each of the four floors.

. The fire brigade faces the Avenue Paul Brunat and on the ground floor there is room for the fire engine, escape, reel, and automobile engine, each standing opposite its own door and being easily reached by the men and horses, so that no delay should be experienced in cetting away sharply in response to a call. The watch tower, besides providing an excellent vantage point, will also be used as drying room for the bose. On the first floor of the building are the quarters for the Volunteer firemen, with verandab facing east, and it the attic storey the Chinese fire coolies will fied accommodation. A sliding pole from the top to the bottom of the building wil enable the men to gut down rapidly, and the installation of electric light and alarm bells .in each room will preclude the possibility of heavy alcopers not being awakened. A dril yard is at the back. Behind the fire station are more quarters for Chinese, and still further back are other quarters for Europeans." On the ground floor of this particular block is the Director's room, with private garden and private carriage drive.

The infirmary is on the north side of the square, facing south, and it has sufficient rooms to accommodate, filteen persons, each, with a separate kitchen, and there are also private apartments for the Superintendent and Assistant, together with a day room, the latter of states that on Thursday after which can be used as a dispensary. In the Shipowners' Guild hald a meetin porth-pastern corner is the women's prison and | principal shipowhere of Tokio and south of this is the prison for Europeans, with were present, when the following four entirely separate cells for Chinese of the were considered :-

A separate building in the centre of the yard fixed for specified cargo. is to be utilized as a powder megazine. It is: detached entirely from all other buildings. The be established walls are double with a cavity between and the . After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to

floor is raised to prevent soakage. Mosers. Davies and Thomas -- N. C. D. None: | wis, representing 135,000 tons.

THE "MIE-MARO" AFFAIR

STATEMENT OF THE CAPTAIN Japanese papers, on the 10th ulto., state the negotiations between the Japanese and Russian Governments for the settlement of the Mie-meru affair are progressing favourably. The detailed report on the affair is now on its way to St. Retersburg, and the progress of the negotiations is meanwhile at a standatill. The Russian Government, however, admits the injustice of the seizure of the Mis-mary, and it is believed that the matter will be amicably settled: before long. It is added that the frequent occurrence of trouble of this kind is due to a misunderstanding of Government's instructions on the part of the authorities on the Siberian Seaboard, and instructions have been issued by the St. Petersburg Government ordering the local authorities to refrain from seising Japanese boats.

"A Viadivostok dispatch to the Asaki states that Captain Nomura, master of the Mis-mare, was briefly examined by the District Court at Vladivostok on the 8th ultimo and was then released on bail. Captain Nomura was examined regarding the object of the voyage of his vessel and as to the places where he was engaged in fishing. Then the Court informed Captain Nomura that his vessel had been seized because it was posching in Russian. territorial waters .- He was asked whether he protested against the seizure, and if so to state The Captain protested against the scirure

and denied having engaged in fishing in Viceroy Tuan Fang, of the Liangkiang Russian territorial waters. The Mic-mars was arrested at a point twelve or thirteen miles off Commandersky Island, not eight miles as The Court pointed out that the boundary of eight miles or thirteen away made no difference. The Captain said that so far as his knowledge went the limit of territorial waters was three miles. He had never heard that the limit was thirty miles. The United States observed the three mile limit. He repeated that he was passing beween two islands, and was not en-

gaged in fishing. This concluded the examination and the Captain was released on bail.

Speaking of his experience to an interviewer, Captain Nomura stated that the outbreak of the trouble which resulted in the death sentence on the six men was chiefly due to the cruel treatment meted out by the Russianauthorities. The crew were subjected to the most atrocions treatment. For instance, two men fell sick at Nikolajevsk, but no medica assistance was given, and their request fort. medicine was refused. For this reason, one died on the steamer on the way to Vladivostok. and the other was placed in hospital at Vladivostok, where he was then lying in a very dangerous condition. The sick man and the dead body were conveyed on the same horse dray from the landing stage at Viadivostok. The dead body was left uncared for six days, from the ard to the 8th ultimo. On leaving prison Captain Nomura took delivery of the body from the hospital and had it cremated. The body was decomposed to such an extent as to involve great difficulty in putting it into the coffin: It, was impossible to understand: why the body was left uncared for in the hospital for so many days. Nine men had now been taken ill. This was due to lack of nonrishment provided and the extremely miserable accommodation of the prison at Nikolalevski

> THE JAPANESE IN SAN PRANCISCO.

IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH americans.

A Tokyo dispatch to the Osaka, Asahi states that-the-leading-Japanese-residents-in-San-Francisco recently formed themselves into sp association, and, in conjunction with Mr. Koike. Japanese Consul-General, have been assidnous. working to promote friendship between the Japanese and the people of San Francisco. As a result the Japanese have become closely ansociated with the municipal functions of the city, and there is no longer any barrier between the lapanese and the municipal authorities. When the murderers of Mr. Munakata. manager of the Golden Gate Bank (a Japanese concern) at San Francisco, were executed on the 31st ultimo the United States authorities specially invited the presence at the execution of the representatives of the Tapanese. On their side the Japanese declined the invitation, stating that there was no need, for them to be represented, but the U.S. authorities pressed the invitation upon thom, and Mr. Nakajima Kenkichi was present at the execution. The dispatch adds that social intercourse between the lapanese and Americans in San Francisco has much improved in cordiality, and Messrs. Nakajima and Nagasawa, the leaders of the Japanese Association, are striving earnestly to promote social intercourse. They have become closely intimate with the editors of those San Francisco papers which at one time endeavoured strongly to stir up anti-lapanese feeling among the the people. Thus a better understanding hand now been established between the Japan and the people of San Francisco, and none of newspapers in San Francisco now att Japanese.- Lapan Chronicle...

CHOLERA AT THE YAN PORTS.

From ichang we learn quite rife, and that amon. who have succumbed compradore of Messral Co., Ld. As yet no de place, the late; n doctor' from Hone he will proceed to On account of such a long time, the ent Benevolent Socie washing the streets i

afternoon after 4; p.m.

The Kobs Herald says 1-A

I .- That conventional freight rates a .2. That a pool or trust of steamships

the second proposal should be adopted the Altogether the block should prove admirable | first being rejected on the ground that it would for the purpose for which it is being built. In he impossible to make all shipowaers strictly appearance it may not be striking from an observe conventional rates. No details were architectural point of view, as general utility gone into, these being left to the Directors of more than artistic effect has been almed at | the Guild to settle. At present, there are about The architects in charge of the building are I twenty shipowners in the league, with you well-

#### pium in Hongkong.

IR HENRY BLAKE'S DEFENCE. MR. CLEMENTI'S MEMORANDUM.

Sir Henry Blake writes to The Times !-Dealing with the Colonial Office Vote in Committee of Supply, Mr. Lyttelton called attention to the mandate from the Secretary of State for | first Carnival, held in the latterspart of Februthe Colonies to the Governor of Hongkong that all opium divan's must be closed. The Hongkong Press has shown the irritation provoked by the evidence given with somewhat brutal frankness that the Governments of Crown Colonies must not expect the respectful connideration that is given to local views in selfgoverning Colonies, even to the extent previous investigation on the spot before instructions are issued that profoundly affect the well-being of the Colony. By order of the Governor of Hongkong papers have been prepared by Mr. Clementi, Assistant Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, a distinguished Chinese scholar, and one of the ablest of the Civil servants of the Crown, that ought to be in the hands of every member of Parliament who is interested in the anti-opium crusadei-He has dealt with the question of opium smoking in China and in Hongkong. According to the best available information, about 1 per cent. of the 400,000,000 of Chinese smoke opium; but of the 69,000,000 of Szechuan province, where of per cent, of the Chinese opium is grown, of which crop 91 per cent. is consumed in the province, it is calculated that 4.4 per cent. of the population are opium-smokers.

The population of Hongkorp, exclusive of the new territories, was, in 1900, 319,-03, the number of males and females over 15 years of age being 262,384. The opium farmer has heretofore sold opium to the divans only, the attractions to be presented to your patrons, lessees of which retail it to the general public. | should they decide to come to Manila during The closing of the divans will not prevent the the coming Carnival, and, at the same time, opium farmer from selling opium direct to the assist in promoting our welfare. -- Very truly public for private consumption. These divans | yours, are licensed by the opium farmer, and are as diverse in their surroundings and management as are the music-halls and public-houses of London. There are two classes of licences, in one of which prepared onium is sold and consumed; in the other dross opium is smoked. There are 105 licences of the first class, and 98 of the second. Mr. Clementi's figures show that the number who smoke dross opium is 7,228. The number, who smoke prepared opium in divans is 7,237, and of those who smoke prepared opium outside divans is 10,844.

The order that all onium divans must be closed involves a loss to the opium farmer of \$400,000 per annum, to which extent, plus compensation for breach of contract, the revenue of the colony must abate, and this at a time when trade is languishing and revenue decreasing, while the demands for increased expenditure for sanitary and other purposes. increase, and the estimate for the Kowloon-Canton railway has been exceeded to an alarming extent. Hongkong will not kick, therefore His Majesty's Government, always stern save when trouble threatens, will probably not remit an equal amount of the compulsory military contribution absorbing one-fifth of the revenue, but in justice such a remission should be granted.

The result of the closing of the divans will be to drive the divan smokers from the divans, which were well conducted, to their cubicles, where the young will all the more quickly learn their fathers' vices. It must be remembered that opium smoking is not a convivia habit, and save for the slight additional trouble, a man can enjoy his smoke as thoroughly on his own bed as on that of the divan. Is the game worth the candle? And if the opium stimulant be abandoned, what will take its place? Samshu? Morphia?

OPIUM TRAFFIC IN AMERICA. Dr. Wright, who has been appointed by

President Roosevelt as one of the International Commissioners from the United States to the Opium Conference at Shanghai, has made a report regarding the opium traffic in America: He states that apart from Chinese over 5,000 whites in New York City alone use the drug in one form or another, and that from 1903 to 1907 the importation of crude opium into the United States increased by more than 1,000,000 lbs:, despite the heavy duty of 4s. a pound. Dr. Wright urges vigorous reform measures,

THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF JAPAN.

SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT.

We learn from the Nippon that a proposal is made to postpone the coming Great Exhibition of Japan, now arranged to be held in 1912, and the Exhibition Bureau has been instructed to investigate the proposal. On the 17th ultimo. Mr. Okura, a leading business man of Tokyo. was summoned to the Exhibition Bureau and consulted on the proposal in the presence of the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce

It is maintained in some quarters, says the Nippon, that although it is not beneficial to the national prestige of the Empire to postpone the Exhibition, yet, if such a course is unavoidable in the national circumstances, foreign countries may not raise any objection, as they have yet made preparations in any tangible If a promise is made to foreign ther the plan of the Exhibition warged and their various wishes by will have no objection. Should on be postponed for five years, not will be experienced in enlarga large sum of money may be at period and devoted to the monement is advisable as it we of making the Exhibiof relieving the finances

> the House of Peers, takes the proposed bition as a gauge of by the Katsura inascial—scheme. failed to arrange litary works as as been sought in lke good the deficit. the difficulty .- N. C. D. Nows. the Genro and Lit meet with the ap-The Diet will propostponement. It will impire in the eyes of the etpone the Exhibition on untry's financial difficulties will injure the national pres-Sposal should be considered

We put into execution. Chief Commissioner of the Exhles the report of the postponement hibition as unfounded. The Governsware, of the necessity of curtailing Kiture, but is not likely to seek economy estimate for the Exhibition. It may be perceived that, the prestige of Japan will permit of the adoption of such a disgrace. promised to fend their support. It is impossible however, for the Government to increase August, 1908;the estimate for the Exhibition even if the arrangements of the foreign Powers in connection with the Exhibition surpass those of Japan trategit and no alteration will be made ju the Jen er gin grans ub

CORRESPONDENCE.

not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.] THE PHILIPPINE CARNIVAL

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPIS." SIR,-It has been definitely decided to make the Philippine Caroival an annual affair. The ary, 1908 was pronouncedly successful in every department; the matter, of accommoda tion of visitors was demonstrated to be easily within the capacity of our committee and valuable ideas for future Camivals were suggested. To the Carnival of 1909, which will be held at Manila February second to ninth inclusive it is proposed to add the attractions of the 'Mi litary Divition Meet, the date of which is no yet definitely fixed, but which will, in all probability, take place in the latter part of Japuary and the Horse Show which will take place after the Carnival. We are thus able to present to visitors a series of entertainment covering period of at least, one month. The difficult problems have all been solved and we can offer most definite a splances of interesting entertainment and proper accommodations.

Every effort is being made in the United States, in China, in Austrelia and Japan to induce tourists, to include Manila in their

We would request that you will use what forts you can in the interest of our enterprise in bringing to the attention of your patrons, in whatever form you deem proper, the facts herein stated and such additional facts as may from time to time, be forwarded to you in the form of circulars, folders, inserts, posters, etc., and thus aid us in giving publicity to a proposition which will add materially to the

GEO. KELLY. Director-General. Headquarters, Philippine Carnival Association Bagumbayan Drive and Luneta, Manila, P.I., August 19, 1908,

ACCIDENT AT THE DOCKS

E-rly last Monday morning, a Chinaman, named Tam Siu, employed on a ship in No. Dock, at howloop, made a false step and rolled into the dock a distance of about 40 feet. It would appear that Tam was crossing the gangplank, when he did the side slip and had no time to inform his friends as to the few last words he wished to say to his mother and relatives. He ricochetted off the sidings and landed on his legs in the dock, which, fortunately for him. contained several gallons of "agua pura," When Tam was picked up his right leg was found to have been broken. Inspector Mc-Hardy ordered him to be sent to the Government Civil Hospital where he now lies.

> CHINESE IN. MANILA. DECREASE IN THEIR NUMBERS.

This year for the first time since American occupation the number of departures of Chinese has exceeded the arrivals. In fact statistics show a decided decrease in the Chinese population, reports the Gableiston American.

The banner yearfor Chinese immigration was 1904 when the arrivals exceeded the departures by fully 4.977. In the following year the arrivals leaving still a credit balance of I to in favour of arrivals. The balance was increased again in 1906 when it amounted to 1,247, the arrivals numbering then 7,966 as compared with 6, 19. departures. The following year, 1907, the total number of arrivals was higher than in 1906, but so was also the total of departures showing 8,14% against 7,122 respectively, leaving still an excess of 1,019 arrivals. This year, however, bids fair to outstrip all previous records for departures, which showed up to the end of the fiscal year a total of 5,829 against departures ever the arrivals.

The laws are not very much more stringent to-day than they were a year or two ago regarding Chinese immigrants. One government official said "It's the sign of the rats and the sinking ship," It is estimated that by the end of the calendar year the departures will have outnumbered the arrivals by at least 200.

It is noteworthy, however, that the largest percentage of Chinese who have not returned to the islands is composed of the more prosperous class, those who have made their "little pile" and have returned to the land of their fathers to spend there' the rest of their days and—the money,

COUNT KOMURA'S RETURN RUSSO-JAPANESE FEELING:

Tokio, August 26.

Count Komura returns to Tokio to-night. The future Minister of Foreign Affairs has gratification at his meeting in St. Petersburg with M. Iswolsky, and said that he was satisfied of a definite post bellams change in Russian sentiments towards Japan. He spoke of the of European monarchs.

MANCHURIAN PROSPECTS. Count Komura paid a visit of inspection to Port Arthur and Tairen after passing through Manchuria, and said that he was, convinced that Japan had a bright prospect before her in Manchuria.

A PLEA FOR BETTER RELATIONS. Tokio, August 27:

Count Komura took up his position to-day as Minister of Foreign Affairs. The newspapers, in welcoming the appointment, urge the need of improvement in the telations of Japan and China. They also express the expectation that Count Komura's knowledge of the situation should expedite a solution of the Hsinmintun-Fakumen Railway

While in Tokyo Dr. Koch suggested the advisability.of keeping cats for the elimination of rats. As a result, the Sanitary Bureau in the Home Department has begue investigations into the number and variety of cals kept in Japan. The Hyogo Kencho has received instructions from Mr. Kubota, Director of the Sanitary Bureau, ordering him to report without delay on the number, breed, and usefulness in catching rate displayed by the foreign cats maintained by foreigners in Kobe. If a cat of a peculiar breed is found its photograph is to be taken.-Japan Chionicle.

Course now that foreign Powers have RETURN of visitors to the City Hell Library and Museum for the week ending the 30th

Library, Museum, Non-Chinese ..... 315 174 Chinese ...... 172 1,916

CHINA'S REVENUE AND FINANCE

HOW TO REPLACE THE OPIUM REVENUE.

Under orders from the Empress-Dowages the Grand Councillors of State and the President of the Ministry of Finance held a meet ing in the office for the discussion of Government affairs on the tath ult. for talking over ways and means to raise funds to replace the opium revenue, which will be entirely lost to China when the sale of and trade in opium is abolished in this Empire.

The questions discussed were the increase of the timport tax on Foreign and Chinese tobacco, cigarettes and cigars, the stamp tax, and the increase of 4 cash (2/3 of a one for ten cash copper cont ) on the price of sait per catty, throughout China.

As the first concerns Foreign merchants, the proposed tax cannot be increased without the recognition of the Foreign Ministers in Peking; the second is still opposed by the Chinese merchants in Notth China, on account of the depressed condition of trade; so that, though a stamp tax office was established at Paoting and Tientsin in June last by Viceroy Yang of Chibli, under the control of Taotai Hung Chun, yet no tax has so far been collected.

It is stated that the Foreign merchants at Tientsin, have also petitioned their respective Consuls asking for a postponement of the stamp tax until the foreign and native trade is in better condition, while the Viceroys and the Governors of the Lianghwang and other Provinces have wired to the Peking Government. some opposing the increase of price on sale entirely, and others proposing to increase only 2 cash per catty, on the ground that sait is one of the daily requisites of the people.

It is estimated that about Tis, 20,000,000 can be obtained from these sources every year. which will be quite sufficient to replace the lost opium revenue, if they are properly imposed and collected by honest officials; but owing to various reasons and opposition, nothing has been decided up to the present.

Now Duke Tsai Tsc. President of the Ministry of Finance, intends to impose an additional tax on wine, sugar and native smoking leaves and other smokes for Chinese water pipes produced in Szechuan, Kwangtung, Fukien and some other Provinces in order to raise funds.

The native opium revenue in - Kiangsu and Yunnan will be finished next year, for the Vicetoys Tuan Fang and Hai Liang have prohibited the cultivation of pative opium within their respective jurisdictions from the later part of 1908, under severe penalties. ic., in addition to the confiscation o their fields to the Chinese Government, the offenders will be most severely punished if they are caught growing the dangerous plant after the fixed date, that is, after the end of October this year, as proclaimed by Viceroys Tuan Fang and Hai-Liang-some time ago, with-a view to putting the anti-oplum Edicts into actual force.

The Peking Government has issued orders to the various Viceroys and Governors to the effect that they and their subordinate officials will be rewarded with official ranks or money if they can stamp out the growth of pative opium within their respective jurisdictions during the course of the next one or two years, or as soon as they possibly cap, without waiting for the period fixed v/z:-ten years.

In consequence of the recent degradation of Wea Hai and Tsai Chang for posing themselves as non-opium smokers, while in realit they have been in the habit of smoking the dangerous drug for many years, the prohibition of opium smoking among the official classes in showed a total of 8,825 against 7,715 departures. Peking is in full swing at the present moment. -China Critic.

A SAD WEDDING.

BRIDE BECOMES WIDOW WITHIN -FOUR-DAYS:-

The death of Mr. Max P. von Jaminet at the General Hospital in Shanghai last Thursday was the closing scene in a drama of real lifeas sad and as tragic as any that has ever been 5.743 arrivals, leaving plainly an excess of 86 delineated on a stage, says the China Gaustie of 25th ultimo.

When the official notice was issued from the German-Consulate-about-three-weeks-ago-that-Mr. Jaminet, a resident of Hankow, native of Prussia, born at Berlin, was to be married to Miss Marie Schmidt, 23 years of age, also born in Berlin-little was it expected that the marri age would take place under the sad circumstances that eventually surrounded the cere-

About a month ago, Mr. von Jaminet, who was employed by the Ping Hsiang Coal Mining Co. at Hankow, became ill, and it was decided that he should take a trip to Japan for his health. His condition at that time, while not alarming, was still of such a nature that he considered it better that his marriage should be postponed, and he therefore sent a telegram to Germany with the intention of advising his figuree who was just about that time to come to the East to be married, that she had better postpone her trip. Unfortunately, however, the s.s. Derflinger, on which the young lady was to come out, had already left port when been interviewed en route. He expressed his the telegram arrived and consequently never

reached her. In the meantime, Mr. you Jaminet went to Japan, and whatever the reason may be, his condition there instead of getting better became great significance of the now frequent meetings | worse; he therefore took passage for Shanghai where he entered the General Hospital. this time he was in a very serious condition, the disease with which he was suffering-dysentery

-having advanced to an acute stage. Dr. Krieg was in attendance, and in spite of his best efforts, Mr. von Jaminet's health continued to become worse-he, when he arrived at Shanghai, having reached such a stage that there was little hope for his recovery.

During this time, the s.s. Der flinger continued its voyage, Miss Schmidt being altogether her fiance, while he on his part was unaware

that she was on her way out. morning about half past ten. 'On being appri- did so on July 13; pneumonia supervened, and sed of the state of affairs, arrangements had she died on July 15. Mrs. Vaughan Smith was been made by the friends of both parties for well known in Yokohama, Shanghai, and the marriage ceremony to proceed at once Tientsin as an accomplished and versatile and the wedding took place at the General journalist. She was a lady of wide accomplish. On the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded to Hospital, before the German Consul, about ments, and with an infinite capacity for hard Mr. Wallace, Mr. Kruse was unanimously eleven o'clock. As mentioned above, and as work. Perhaps her greatest success in news- elected vice-chairman. understood by both parties to the marriage, the paper work was the clear precision with which The appointment of a Land Commission to condition of Mr. von Jaminet-was hopeless, she saw the bearing and tendencies of the re-value all property and tentals in the settle-His death occurred four days later. \_

in a land balf way round the earth from her native land, has received expressions of sincere sympathy from all who have been acquainted with the circumstances.

generosity on almost innumerable occasions accord to them the full measure of honour and praise which their actions deserve-on this thing was done by them for the young widow's

I time the le living with Dr. and Mrs. Krieg. I environment—L. & C. Express.

JAPAN. THE NEXT BUDGET.

Tokio, August 28. The Cabinet met to-day and settled the out lines, of the next budget without difficulty The amortization funds are to be increased from Y37,000,000 to Y50,000,000. The postponement of Government enter-

prises, including questions of the army and the nky, amounts altogether to Y100,000,000. THE EXHIBITION. The United States, which is the most interested among the Powers in the Tokio Exhibi tion has assured [apan that she has no objection

to the postponement of the Exhibition, EMIGRATION QUESTIONS The reported refusal of Japan to negotiate a new immigration treaty with the United States is without foundation. The existing arrangements are working satisfactorily."

SAVIKG OF Y. 200,000,000.

Later. With reference to my earlier telegram, the cuttailment, postponement and cessation of military and other enterprises amount altogether to a sum of Y200,000,000. This includes a saving of about Y80,000,000 on public bonds, which were a part of the policy for the mainlenauco of the Government enterprises, but are now abandoned; except for railway works, which are to be put on a separate account. Even the railway bonds will not be issued for three or four years.

The Tokio, Exhibition has been postponed for five years, that is until the jubiles of the Emperor's accession when it will be held on a grander scale.-N. C. D. News.

GON-RONNING IN CHINA:

THE "JIJI'S" COMMENT.

According to a report from the Japanese Consul at Amoy, says the Jill, the smugglers of the 12,000 rifles and annunition, who were arrested at Chuanchow, Fukien, as reported in our columns, were a Japanese, a Formosan, and a few Chinese. It seems the rifles were mostly obsolete and out of use, being only fit for scrap iron. Some of the weapons, however, were complete and in good order. Our contemporary says the Foreign Office in Tokyo is prepared to examine the case carefully, in conjunction with the Chinese authorities, and if the rifles are found to be in violation of the Foreign Trade Regulations of Chins, the matter will be left to the disposal of the Chinese authorities, without a repetition, says the Jui, of the foolish course taken in the case of the Taleu-maru.

THE KANEGAFUCHI SPINNING COMPANY'S FRENCH' LOAN.

EXTENSIONS OF WORKS

At the French Consulate yesterday (Aug. 25) Mr. Bato, representing the Kanegafuchi Spinning Company, signed the documents neceskary to complete the loan advanced by French capitalists, in the presence of the French Vice-Consul and M. Gysin. He afterwards procaeded to Ozaka, to be present at a meeting of the Associated Spinning Companies held there. It is believed that Mr. Bato will shortly accompany Mr. Gysin to Paris on business of the Company. As formerly reported in these columns the amount advanced to the Japanese Company by Parisian bankers was Y2,000,000, bearing i terest at 7.5 per cent., including commission and sundry charges, and is guaranteed by the Mitsui and Mitsu Bishi Banks. It is now stated that the money will be left with the London branch of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and will -be-used to-pay-for-new-machinery-purchased by the Company. The Company has this year commenced large extensions of its works. At the head factory at Tokio 33,712 new spindles are being introduced; at th principal silk yarn factory at Kioto, 10,200 new spindles for silk and 3,360 for " tsumugi yarn are being put in; at the Kioto factory, formerly known as the Ken-men Boseki, 5,100 spindles-for-silk-and-1,260-for-silk-and-1,260 for "tsumugi"; at the Sumoto branch, 20,800 spindles for cotton and 300 weaving machines; and at the Takasago Futoilo factory 22,400 additional spindles. Part of the new machiners is already in operation and it is expected that all will be so by June or July next year. - Aobi

SHIP REPAIRS FOR SHANGHA THE PHILIPPINE JOBS:

The transport Seward, upon her return Manila from her present trip, will be taken off her run and will be sent to Shanghai, arriving there about September 14. The Shanghai Rugineering and Dock Company will have the ship under repairs for about nine weeks. She will not be ready for service in the islands before December 1.

The Wright will be placed on the Seward's run south and the Liscum will take the Visayan

what the Warren can do in carrying passengers, beef and ice.

THE LATE MRS. PAUGHAN SMITH.

AN APPRECIATION.

Many residents of North China and Japan will

regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Vaughan Smith, the well-known journalist. The deceasunacquainted with the unfortunate condition of | ed lady was at home fox six months on a wellearned holiday after 15 years' betvice in the Far East. She was medically advised to The steamer arrived in Shanghai on Sunday | submit-to surgical operations for goitre, and Shanghai Sedition of 1899, and her prediction | ment, the present assessment expiring on the The young bride, so suddenly made a widow of its development into the great Boxer rebellion | 31st December next, was discussed. of 1900. It did not lessen the credit of this that both the Ministers in Paking and the public gave no heed to her prophesying never so Mixed Court since the last meeting ;-Sum-Dr. and Mrs. Krieg, whose kindness and han Smith has been associated with the Peking a wall I, Kidnapping I, Throwing rubbish into the Colonial Office and the Governor of Hong. and Tientsin Times both as editor and sub- the public drain 3, Creating a disturbance s, kong: have endeared them not only to the recipients editor. Her long journalistic experience in the Hilegally selling land I, Being in possession of Disestrons typhood, 27 July, 28 July, One of their kind acts but to that much greater Far East rendered her an invaluable servant to smuggled goods 1, Perjury r, Contempt of river steamer lost, about 300 pessengers othernumber who, while not in need of help or the proprietors of that newspaper. At their Court s. Summary Arrests: Their 6, Assault wise loss of life, as far as is known, not beery. sympathy, having heard of their kindnesses, generous initiative she was sent home on a six [7, Being a rogue and a vagabond, &c. 1, Damage on shore very serious; loss on Governmonths furlough. Her visit was purely one of Smuggling I, Helng abroad after 12 midnight | ment property alone estimated at 100,000 dols. pleasure, and there was no idea of surgical without a light s, Housebreaking s, Being in Private losses not yet estimated. LUGARD. occasion also took matters in hand and every- treatment when she left Tientsin in May. Her possession of stolen, property 2, Committing a premature death will be widely mourned in mulsance 2. Tientsin, Mrs. Vaughan Smith leaves one son. Mrs. von Jaminet will return to Germany on now in India, and one daughter, who accom-Saturday, the 5th September, on the same boat penied her home. Profound sympathy will be By order on which she came out Rest. In the mean, left for this young lady left alone in a strange . C. BERKELEY MITCHELL.

BIG FIRE IN KOBE. FOREIGN CODOWN GUTTED.

A serious fire occurred last night on the premises of Messrs: Raspe and Co., 91, Yedo Machi, reports the Robe Herold of 26th ult At about 10.45 p.m. smoke was observed to be issular from their principal godown, a threestoreyed brick building covering about 100 tsubo of ground, and the place was soon in flames The foreign employees of the firm were at once notified and soon appeared on the scene. The flames were extinguished in about an hour and a half. The roof of the godown was completely destroyed but none of the adjacent buildings were in may way damaged. The fire is said to have originated amongst a quantity straw-braid in the third storey and thence spread [downwards. There were large quantities of piece goods and general goods on the ground floor of the godown, which were more or less damaged by water, if not fire. The total amount involved on the contents of the godown is about one hundred and fifty, thousand yes. The building and goods were insured with the Netherlands. Fire and Life Insurance Company and the North-British and Mercantile Company, of which Messra, Raspe and Co. are the agents. One or two other companies are involved for comparatively small amounts, the New Zcaland having had a risk for Y10,000. Nothing is known as to the origin of the

outbreak, Smoking has, of course, been suggested; but as the firm took special precaution to prevent smoking in the godown," employing both a Ruropean and a Chinaman to maintain an efficient watch, it is doubtful if this was the cause. That the fire originated a considerable time before the alarm was given is evident from the fact that hill residents saw a column offices igniting but this danger was happily were removed to the offices of Measrs. Winckler & Co. who kindly placed the basement of their large building at the disposal of the parties who supervised the removal. Some damage was caused by water in Messrs. Hellyer and Co.'s premises but so far as we can gather it was not of a very serious nature. It is a matter for congratulation that the outbreak was confined to the godown-one of the strongest in the Settlement, by the way -as it is more than probable that, if the flames had spread to the offices on Kita Machi, the three storeyed building occupied by the American Trading Company would also have gone. : Another fire also occurred last night in the

house of a carpenter at Wakinohama, 2-chome. The flames were got under control before much damage was done, only the one house being destroyed.

THE SUGAR INDUSTRY IN. MANCHURIA.

THREATENED COMPETITION.

The sugar industry, which for many years has suffered from the embarrassment created by speculative overproduction, is soon to be faced with new competition in the Far East, says the Echo de Chine, and there is every prospect of the competition proving successful. Several enterprises of this nature are on the point of being inaugurated in Manchuria and on the borders of Russia, while others are pro-

It is reported from Harbin that a joint-stock company with a large capital has been | floated by a group of Polish capitalists with the object of establishing a large sugar factory at the railway centre.

Extensive areas of land in the vicinity of the Chinese Eastern Railway have already been purchased with a view to the cultivation-o beetroot. Trials of the product made last year have given the most satisfactory results. The work of constructing the manufactory is to be commenced without delay, and it is calculated that regular operations will be commenced from next year.

Another enterprise of the same nature is about to be created in Manchuria, on the in-Itiative of an influential-Chinese-landowner Liu-Tchung, and under the direction of French expert. The construction of the factory. in the neighbourhood of Kwangchentze will be commenced in two or three months.

A prominent Chinese naturalised in Russia Tiphonay (?) by name, whose commercial enterprise at Port Arthur is well known, is crodited with a scheme to open up an extensive exploitation of the sugar industry.

General conditions are very favourable to these industrial enterprises. Moreover, large areas of land most suitable for the cultivation of the best may be had at a ridiculously low price. The experiments made last year proved that the beets grown on the land in question yieldedias to 30 per cents of sugar, that is, nearly double the average yield in Europe. Manual labour is plentiful and cheap, while, as the cultivation will-be carried on in proximity to the railway the cost of transport will not be

The price of European sugar is considerable augmented by the cost of transport over the immense distance separating Europe from the The Mindanao run will be supplemented by | Far East, so that even if bounties ato granted European sugar will not be able to withstand the competition of the native product, and this applies not only to China but also to Siberia. It is anticipated that Manchurian sugar will affect the export from Java, but the latter may find other markets.

KULANGSU (AMOY) MUNICIPA COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Board Room, on the 11th August, 1908 President :- Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Chairman), J. S. Fenwick, Huang Ts'an-chew. W. Kruse, S. Okuyama, W. Wilson, the Health Officer and the Secretary. Mr. Fenwick took: his seat, vice Mr. A.

Gardiner, resigned. The minutes of the last meeting were read

The Superintendent of Police reported the following cases had been dealt with at the

(Signed), W. H. WALLACE, Chairman.

SINGAPORE SUPERSZITIONS.

A capital conjurer has visited our port, and showed wast ingenuity in displays of no mean. order recalling to many of his audience pleasant times spent at the calebrated Maskelyne and Cookes. Caustic comments were made by some onlookers at the ready, sale that cortain " Dream Booklets" met with after the clever thought-reading and magnetic power of one of the stage performers, It certainly was a curious thing to see a cultivated assembly of Twentieth Century people buying and reading these particular leaflets, each one of which contained two coupons which could be filled in with any questions, and sent to Chicago for answers to be promptly mailed by the demonstrator of the art of Psychomancy. On the fly leaf were found these words : "An original interpretation of Omens and Dreams with Instructions how to turn such occurrences to practical account." There are canny Scotch in Singapore who, by wasting cents on the booklet, would, after reading the same, wacognize many All Hallows Eve superstitious: observances as practised of old by maidens in Scotland, and immortalized by Burns, in a famous poem. Ryery nationality in Singapore owns up to a.

certain number of superstitions, and so in this one particular every man has something in common. Ask the next person met alter reading this article what is their pet superstition, and they will probably at once deny possessing any, but a little patient investigation will prove the contrary. Quite recently at at sale of work in this town, at one stall, a mass of peacock's feathers was exhibited, and the seller was assailed on all sides by severe remarks on the folly of producing such an unlucky omen. Even the Chinese to a certain extent share in the dread of evil which is of smoke rising from the locality between 9 thought of necessity to accompany the keeping and to o'clock. Valuable assistance was ren- of peacock's feathers in houses. And vet in dered by the Fire Brigade and there was no I front of the idol shrines in the carpenter's and lack of water. At one time there seemed to other shops in Orchard Road and elsewhere. be great danger of Messrs. Raspe and Co.'s one or more of the myriad-eyed bird's adornments are placed in gilt paper vases; and avarted. Their books and papers however again the eyes of the teathers so marvellous. ly described by Darwin as one of Nature's greatest wonders, are woven with much skill into Eastern embroidered slippers. The Malays in our midst, though confessedly Mahommedans, retain an immense number of their ancient signs of bad and good luck, these in many instances correspond more or less to superstitions, in our own and other countries, though at times of an opposite nature. As for instance the fact that a swarm of bees settling in or near a house portends to the natives here dire missortune, but by Europeans is accounted a sign of good luck. Again a bird flying against a window, or into a house, is a sign of misfortune amongst the old folks at home. in remote country places; but to the Malay no greater luck can befall him, for he has but to catch the bird, smear its wings with oil, and invoke it to fly away with all-the bad-luck and miseries of the house, and the thing is done. A tip for tin and rubber speculators in these hard times here and in the F.M.S.; birds are often attracted at night by the gleam of brightly lighted verandabs!

A Malay when building his wooden house must carefully see that the flight of steps is placed exactly under the middle rafter, or his homestead will become a place of quarrelling and fighting ever after. Visitors should be cautious and not lean against the steps when talking, or a funeral will shortly take place. Amongst Europeans here, how many men will sit down comfortably to a table of thirteen persons! When a "Boy" has, confessed to a breakage, how many Mems wonder what two things will next suffer at his hands to make up the magic number three! Again who has not received a shock when talking to an intelligent friend and after making kind inquiries after his general health and prosperity, and hearing the replies given in a cheerful ispirit, but with a basty tapping of the splash-board of the carriage, or the elbow of a chair or surface of table, accompanied by a half-apologetic remark, "One must touch wood or something will happen," No, those magic booklets sold in the Teutonia Hall are not to be compared in foolishpess with the multitudinous superstitions on all sides of us. A scotnful reader says at once, "Mana bulih, I am not supersti-... tious"; one moment, how about lucky numbers for the Races; for Tatiersalls, for the Calcutta Sweep, even for the gambling in Johore, or in

Native States Superstitions with regard to marriages are everywhere existent. Amongst the Chinese a kind of fortune is drawn up beforehand by experts from those talismanic boards, so often seen outside small houses in Bingapore with the black and red centre signs, the Yin and the Yang, the beginning of all things. Horoscopes thus drawn up, after noting the birthdays of the prospective bride and bridegroom are somewhat on the same line as that of Guy. Mannering, portrayed in Sir Walter Scott's finest style.

The Tamils in Singapore still consider that they have to undergo a month of unlucky days before the Sun enters Capricorn. after which they celebrate their Pongul Feast when we see the bullocks with gaily painted home and dangling tassels, while their drivers rejoice in a month of lucky days. Go into a Cingalese Store at break of day and the shopkeepers will almost certainly sell at a reduction in order that the first would be purchaser shall not go away empty handed and so bring evil fortune on the Store for the day. Think of this ye who lie peacefully in bed while others are stirring. Betel-nut chawers very frequently expectorate on the left side, for good luck, other people throw a picked-up horse shoe over the left shoulder or a pinch, of salt if spilt. So the writer spoke truly these words: "Primitive magical conceptions still" cling closely to our people, and form everywhere the heart of popular folklore."

The Anniversary of the Coronation Day of our King Emperor cannot have failed to remind many of his subjects in all parts of the world of the cyll portents, and weird superstitious ideas so freely indulged in, when sudden illness had plunged the British Empire in gloom on the first appounced Coronation Day, and which so happily proved false, when the deferred crowning took place amidst universal happiness and

A properly compiled collection of welld alities here in Singapore should prove of immense interest.—Singapore Free Press.

The London Morning Leader of Ath August wisely. For the last eleven years Mrs. Vaug- monses; Debt 2, Assault 4, Illegally removing prints the following telegrams, passed between

> The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Hongkong (sent 3: Aug., 1908) Your telegram of 30 July; News of typhoon received with great regret, by his Majacty's Government, who desire ma to convey to community at Hongkong sincers sympathy at this

second diseases within two years -- Children

#### Interport Cricket.

PLAY AT SHANGHAL

HONGKONG, SHANGHA!, AND TIENTSIN.

Mr. A. R. Lowe; hon, secretary of the Hongkong Cricket Club, notifies that the Shanghai Cricket Club have invited the Club to send a cricket team to Shanghai and that an acceptance has been sent.

The team should leave Hongkong about is October, probably by a-P. & O. mail of that

The selection of the team and all practice arrangements will be decided on by a special sub-committee composed of Hon. Dr. I. M. Atkinson, Major E. W. R. Stephenson, 3rd

Middlesex Regiment, and Mr. R. Hancock. Invitations have been issued to the various Cricket Clubs in the Colony to nominate two of their members who have a probable chance of places in the team to practice on the Cricket ground during September, and members of the Club are invited to notify the Secretary of any likely aspirants to interport honours with a view to trial being afforded

Only those players whose names are included in special list on the notice board are entitled to practise at the nets before 1st Octo ber, 1908, when the ground will be opened as usual for cricket and tennis.

The following letter was addressed to the following Clubs and Regiments:-Kowloon Cricket Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Police Cricket Club, Parsec Cricket Club, R.A. Cricket Club, R.R. Cricket-Glub, Departmental-Gricket-Glub, ard Middlesex Regiment, 13th Rajputs Regiment and to5th Mahratta Regiment:--

Hongkong Cricket Club,

31st August, 1908. that the Hongkoog Cricket Club have received an invitation from the Shanghai Cricket Club to send a Hongkong cricket team to play Shanghai early in October next, and that and acceptance to the challenge has been sent.

The cricket ground is being opened (weather permitting) on Tuesday, the 1st proxime, to a restricted number of players who may stand a chance of being selected in the team, and with a view to a representative team being chosen to represent the Colony, I am instructed to invite your Club to nominate two cricketers (not being also members of this Club) who in your Committee's opinion have any likely claims to warrant selection, and who, if chosen, could pro--bably arrange to go to Shanghai about the 181 October next. It is, of course, understood that your nominees would practise as much as possible-at the nets and in the practice games on the cricket ground in September subject to uny decision to the contrary come to by the selection cammittee (Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Major E. W. R. Stephenson, 3rd Middlesex

Regiment, and Mr. R. Hancock) The team will in all probability be away about a fortnight and, should Tientsin also send a team, as seems likely, the trip may ex-

tend to three weeks. Awaiting your early reply,-I am, etc., A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

VOLUNTEER CORPS ORDERS.

ARTILLERY, UNITS.

1st Period Training of Men as Specialists. One fortnight commencing 31st August, at 5.30, p.m. each evening.

Date of attendances :- 31st August, 2nd, 4th,

7th, 9th and 11th September. Each company to provide 6 to 8 layers, 4 to 6 range finders and 4 to 6 signallers. At end of fortnight Officers Commanding Companies will be required to select 6 layers, 4 range finders and 4 signallers. Both Artillery instructors will attend:

RNGINEER COMPANY. Parade,-At West Fort, Kowloon, at 9 p.m.

on Wednesday, the 2nd September, 1908, for technical instructions. INFANTRY AND ENGINEER COMPANIES.

Parades,-At He dquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, the 31st-August-and Friday, the 4th September, for infantry drills. Bergt Downes, 3rd Middlesex Regt., will attend. INFANTRY COMPANY.

If is hoped that gentlemen who intend to join the Infantry Company will send in their riames as soon as possible in order that the selection and appointment of non-commissioned officers may be proceeded with and arrangements made for carrying out the course of instruction.

Mr. C. Gibbs joined the Corps on the 21st

August, 1908, assigned Corps No. 1,043 and posted to the Engineer Company.

Gunner E. Hope is permitted to resign on. leaving the Colony with effect from the 20th Troop Sergt. Major G. U. Moxon is permitted

to resign on leaving the Colony with effect from this date. 1st Period—Training of men as specialists. Date of attendances :-- 7th, 9th and 11th Sentember, at 5.30 p.m. Each company to provide 6 to 8 layers, 4 to 6 range finders and

a to 6 signallers. At end of fortnight-Officers Commanding Companies will be required to select 6, layers, 4 range finders and 4 signallers. Both artillery instructors will attend.

INFANTRY AND ENGINEER COMPANIES. Parade,-At Readquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, the -7th-September, and Friday, the 11th September, for infantry drills. Sergt.

Downes, 3rd Middlesex Regt., will attend. INTERPORT RIFLE PRACTICE. Interport practice will commence at King's Park Range at 2 30 p.m. on Saturday, the 5th

September. CADET COMPANY.

Complaints having been made of certain Cadets blowing bugles in the vicinity of dwelling houses, it is notified that if this practice is continued the bugles will be withdrawn from the offenders.

MARINE COURT.

In the Marine Court, this morning, before the Hon. Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., Harbour Master, a charge was heard against Peter | but not subdued rivals. McClure, an able-bodied seaman' of s.s. Empress of Japan, for unlawfully absenting himself without leave and wilfully, disobeying the lawful commands of his superior on board ship on the 30th ultimo. Mr. Alfred James Hailey, Chief Officer of the Empress of Japan, who prosecuted, stated that defendant asked his permission to go ashore last Sunday, 30th ult., in the afternoon, which was refused. Sometime after 6 p.m. on the same day, defendant disappeared and has since made himself scarce. A warrant for defendant's apprehension was

HONGKONG WATER POLO SHIBLD COMMSTITION.

The final in the Hongkong Water Polo Shield Competition between the Victoria Recreation Club and the Corinthian Yacht Club takes place to-morrow afternoon at 6 p m. sharp At the V. R. C. enclosure, and a good same is

expected. Both teams comprise nearly all the fastes and most powerful swimmers in the Colony and appear to be in excellent trim. A lighter has kindly been placed at the disposal of the V. R. C. to meet the requirements, as it will be remembered that when those teams last met about a mouth ago, the Club's enclosure was packed to us utmost with the supporters o both teams, whilst-many had to turn away disappointment, not being able to even get standing room anywhere, to catch a glimpse of the game.

If at the conclusion of this match the resul is again a draw (the same as it was last time) the teams will have to play extra time unti one of them wins.

The following will represent the opposing

V.R.C.-L. E. Lammert (Capt.), A. H. Carroll, A. E. Alves, A. V. Barros, H. C. Sayer, J M. Roza Pereira, and P. M. Remedios. O.Y.C.-R. C. Witchell (Capt.), G. Witchell E. Humphreys, C. Humphreys, C. J. Cooke, I scription whatever?-No. O. R. Chunyet, and J. Forbes.

CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB WINS

The accommodation of the Victoria Recreation Club was taxed to its utmost yesterday afternoon when the ownership of the Shield this year was again contested between the Victoria Recreation Club and the Corinthian Dear Sir,-I have the pleasure to inform you | Yacht Club. Long before 6 o'clock, the large lighter kindly lent by the P. & O. and every inch of standing room was taken up by keen. spectators, among whom were His Excellency Major-General Broadwood, C.B., Colonel Darling, R.E., Hon. Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, period covered about five or six years, and several other prominent sportsmen.

When it became known that Mr. L. Lammert, the Captain and crack goal-keeper of the V.R.C., was unable, through illness, to take his place among the rest of his team, considerable disappointment seemed to have been felt by the supporters of the Club, as the ipvincible goal-keeper, as he is often called, has a clean record to his credit, not only for this season, but he has not allowed a single goal to go past him for the last three years. However, after the commencement of play he could be seen on the lighter directing the movements of his men and encouraging them. all the time especially after the only goal had been netted against them.

Considerable enthusiasm was evinced from the very commencement of the game and lasted throughout until the very finish, every movement of the players receiving the applause it really deserved in this fine exhibition of the game. Although excitement ran as high among the contestants as the onlookers, a special feature of the game was that fouls were few and far beween and in practically every instance were unavoidable.

Punctually at 6 o'clock, the whistle sounded, and both teams took the water amidst a great outburst of cheering from their supporters, The players and their positions were as

(Blues)-V.R.C.: F. K. Tata (goal), A. H. Carroll, A. E. Alves, A. V. Barros (backs), U. C. Sayer, P. M. Remedios, and J. M. Koza Pereita (forwards);

. (Whites) - C.Y.C. :- J. Forbes (goal), E. Humphreys; C. Humphreys, O. R. Chunyut (backs), C. J. Cooke, R. C. Witchell and G.

Witchell (forwards). The home team secured the ball at the swim. up but lost it almost immediately and Witchell made an attempt to net, the leather going wide. Alves then passed up to Remedios who again met with the same late. C. Humphreys now took possession of the ball and rushed it down the bath, out-swimming Pereira, and scoring beautifully, the ball just touching the goal post and twisting in. Play again commenced and the whites now secured the ball, Cook passing to Witchell, who, however, failed to score; Carroll now took possession of the leather and swam up and looked dangerous, but Forbes stopped the attempt to net. The ball was then sent down to the other end of the bath and Witchell tried a very difficult shot which fortunately struck the goal post and bounced back, the same player again missing his mark after another try, Sayer now obtained hold of the sphere and passed to Carroll, who shot a bit high. A free throw was soon after awarded to the Blues, and Carroll made another good attempt to shoot, the ball just striking the bost. The ball now travelled from one end of the bath to the other in quick succession, neither side being able to not before the call of half

Result: -C. Y. C. I. V. R. C. nil The While's secured the ball at the swim up in the second spell, but lost it to Sayer who tried and missed. Carroll then followed up with a very hard shot which again missed its mark. Witchell and Humphreys in turn each tried to score the second goal, but failed. As time seemed to draw on, the Blues appeared to be playing a defensive game and in this half of the game, allowed the Corinthians to gather near their citadel, but Carroll, who was playing a sterling game, now swam right up the field and made another attempt to equalise. the ball just going into the goal-keeper's hands The C.Y.C. now, obtained possession and Wit chell tried a couple of shots which went wide. Carroll now made a bold try for s team, but the Corinthian goal-keeper was always alert and and again stopped his attempl. In a bit of a scrimmage, Carroll passed to Alves, the latter baving a brilliant opportunity to equalise, but by holding on to the bal too long, his attempt was frustrated, and the game ended in a win for the Corinthian Yacht

Club by one goal to nil. Taken on a whole the play was very even and the teams well matched, but luck never seemed to favour the V. R. C. boys in the many attempts to retain the Shield for the Club Carroll, Barros and Alves playing brilliantly throughout, the former although playing ! back always forced himself up in his opponents' territory and trying, against luck, to 'score, whilst Barros and Alves always frustrated the many attempts made by their formidable opponents.

At the conclusion of the match, the V.R.C. cheered their victors, the latter responding with three hearty cheers, for their vanquished

The League Table now shows:-

Played, Won. Lost, Drawn, Total Royal Engineers 7 87th Co., R.G.A. 7 R. H. K. Y. C .... 7 3 H.M.S. Tamar 7 . 12 83rd Co., R.G.A. 7/.. 1 88th Co., R.G.A. # points for a win,

I point for a draw.

THE TRIAD SOCIETY. ALLEGED . MEMBERSHIP.

In the Police Court, last Thursday, before Mr. J. R. Wood, Sergeaut Willis charged five men (t) with being members of the Triad Soclety: (1) with being armed with an offensive weapon, to wit, a sword. Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for three of the defendants, while the

remaining two were undefended. The facts of the case, as outlined by the prosecution, was to the effect that on the night of the 24th August, at 11:30, p.m., the defendants: left Tai Wai to attend a meeting of the Triad papers relating to the affairs of the Society. a handkerchief with Triad characters printed upon it and a small sword. The first prisoner handed over to the police the handkerchief, and further admitted that he was a member of the Triad Society. The first and fifth defendants were arrested on the roadside. near. Taipo while they were, on the way to the meeting, while the other three attempt-

Mr. Mok Li Chi, a gentleman who claims to on to give evidence in a Court of Justice, truth be an expert about everything in connection [fully and with proper care and regard for what with the Triad Society, was cross-examined by the stated under the sanction of his oath, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing, when the following illu- therefore was acting in contempt of the-court

minating facts were disclosed :-You never belonged to it? - No.:

You never witnessed a meeting ?-No. You never attended a meeting of any de-So that all the evidence you have been giving regarding the handkerchief, papers, etc., hearsay evidence?-No. I have studied the

affairs of the Society. The Triad Society is a secret society. members, as you may be probably aware, guard their secrets rather jealously? -- sometimes. How did you derive all this knowledge?-1

learnt it from my father.

everytaing; only some.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing, on behalf of the second. third and found defendants, submitted that there was no evidence to show that they were members of the Triad Society. was no offence to simply be on the way to attend a meeting, and therefore the prisoners ought to be discharged. Mr. Kemp agreed with him, and discharged the second, third and fourth defendants. The first defendant was found guilty on the first charge and sentenced"

ed on the second charge. Sergeant Willis here stepped forward on behalf of the fifth defendant and informed the Court that the prisoner was a very steady man and was noted for his good character. He was not a loafer. He rendered great help to the police on more than one occasion and considering the fact that he had a wife and a

to three months' hard labour : he was discharg-

family, he ought to be shown leniency. The defendant was bound over in the sum of

CHINA'S CURRENCY REFORM THE SUBSIDIARY COIN QUESTION.

There can be no doubt that the first basis for the much needed reform in the currency of China must be the unifying of the present monetary standards. It was proposed by Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai, after the signing of the Mackay Treaty, to issue a new silver coin of the value of a Kuping Tael. Such coins were actually issued by the Chibli Mint. As the Kuping Tael is the basis on which the taxes of China are estimated and all Government accounts are kept, Viceros Yuan considered that this should be the proper standard. In this proposition, the actual conditions were lost sight of in the desire to plan for what would undoubtedly be the most desirable course of action. There can be no doubt that, if a system could be devised which would carry on the financial operations of China for the future on the basis as in the past, it would avoid much confusion, but it must be recognized that, whereas China in her governmental dealings recognises the tael as the standard of value, the commercial transactions

of the people have come to be basis of a Mexican dollar. Hongkong, the Straits Settlements. as well as the open ports of China and all the I revincial mints, form a standing argument for the use of the Mexican dollar as the silver currency for China.: No system founded upon the tael can become current.

With the adoption of the dollar as the unit of the silver currency, there should be at once the fixing of the standard of the subsidiary coins. Silver 20-cent and 10-cent pieces should not form the subject of speculation by Chinese banks, 'The Board of Revenue should take such stringent and urgent action as would prevent any other method being followed than that five 10-cent pieces or ten lo-cent pieces should be worth one dollar. The tendency of the Chinese banks to recognize these subsidiary coins only for their value if melted into sycce can and ought to be stopped by a strong government If no other method can be adopted, all of the present silver 20-cent and 10-cent pieces should be recalled and new nickel coins issued in their stead. The adoption of nickel for these coins would immediately remove the possible lity of the Chinese banks forming a comparison between the proportionate amount of silver in these subsidiary coins to that contained in the dollar. A 20-cent and a 10-cent nickel coin

would be neither too large nor too heavy to-What is true of the subsidiary silver coins is also true of the copper coins. The provincial mints should be required to mint these copper coins on a fixed uniform basis. At present the copper coins of one Province have more alloy than those of other Provinces, and each Province attempts to issue these coins—not for their value as tokens, but in order to obtain the seignorage for their minting. If these coins are issued on an uniform basis in the various Provinces, it will be easily possible for the central Government to insist that ten of these copper coins shall be worth a silver or nickel to-cent piece, and that too of them should be worth one dollar. In no other country in the world

of the dollar. Their memorial has been refer civility at least. it is hoped that favourable action will be taken I definitely decided upon, and it will not be until in the matter. If the present coinsge is brought | experiments have been made and the matter to a philorm standard, the other necessary gone into more fully that this question can be

SUMMARY FINES FOR PERJURY. HONGKONG PRECEDENT CITED.

At the Supreme Court, Singapore, on Monday last, remarks the Parak Pionear editorially Justice Sercombe Smith delivered an important judgment, affecting the right of appeal by witnesses who are summarily fixed for parjury. The Bearing of the appeal had been adjourned pending the decision of Justice Braddel in a similar case which had been brought before His Lordship at Penang. In that case, the appellant one Solomon Elias Solomon, had been Tummarity flood \$25" for Society. They had in their possession certain | perjury, Mr. Justice Braddell held that there could be no appeal from the order of the inferlior court fining a witness for false evidence summarily, as for contempt under section 12 of the Oaths Ordinance, 1890. The appellant was fixed under the section to a criminal mattof brought by the Crawn upon his complaint. The intention of the section was to provide machinery for the prompt punishment of gross or open" perjury" committed in the ed to escape. All are natives of British face of the Count, under circumstances Territory, except the first defendant, who is a showing that the withess could have no regard for the duty imposed on him as a witness called Mr. Justice Sercombe Smith, concurring wit Are you a member of the Triad Society?—No. | the above judgment, dismissed the appeal on the ground of want of jurisdiction. . It will be seen that the above decision was

based upon the findings, that a witness, who commits perjury, is guilty of contempt of court, and that there is no appeal against a sentence of fine imposed by a magistrate for this offence. The powers of a Magistrate to punish for contempt of court are, however, strictly limited The by the Criminal Procedure Code, and stand on quite a different footing to the undefined and unlimited authority to commit for contempt vested in the Judges of the Supreme | that the indecent practice, that was permitted Court of the Colony, identical with that exerci- on the occasion of the recent visit to Japan That is to say, your father taught you?-Not | sed by ludges of the High Courts at home. The Code distinctly allows an appeal to the on the occasion of the coming Asked by Mr. Kemp how long he has been | Supreme Court from every judgment, sentence in the habit of giving evidence relating to lor order of a mightrate except in cases where the Triad Society, witness replied that the an offence is punishable with only a fine not exceeding 25 dollars. As Magistrates are emnowered to impose a fine of \$50 for contempt, an appeal does not appear to be barred to the ordinary layman. - His doubts as to the glorious uncertainty of the law would intensified on perusal of reports of cases where parties committed to prison for contempt by Sporame Court fudges are released on bail pending the hearing of their appeals, which are admitted and disposed of on their merits. The other day, a bankrupt committed to prison by Justice Sercombe Smith for three months, as if for contempt under the Bankruptcy Ordinance, was released on bail pending appeal. The decision of Justices Braddell and Sercombe-Smith would also seem to be at conflict with the procedure, followed by the Chief Justice of Hongkong, who gave leave to eight witnesses. whom he had summarily committed to prison for perjury, to appeal to the full Court. The Privy. Council, in its turn, has just granted them special leave to appeal against the decision of the Hongkong Court of Appeal confirming the order of the Chief Justice, on the ground that the appellants were not informed of the allegations of perjuly made against them nor allowed time to make their defence.

When even learned Judges of the Supreme Court have to be set right by the Privy Council on matters of procedure affecting the working of the Oaths Ordinance, we think, that it is highly inexpedient that an absolute finality should be vested in the summary decisions of Magistrates in such cases. We feel uncertain whether a Full Court would assent ite or dissent from the separate decisions given that no appeal lies from summary convictions by a Magistrate for contempt. Under the Indian Criminal Procedure Code, on which that of the Colony is based an appeal is allowed as of right. In the F. M. S. any summary conviction, under the Affirmations Enactment. by any Magistrate is subject to the confirmation of the Judicial Commissioner; and any final only after bring confirmed by the Court of Appeal. While the suppression of periury by drastic means, might be a desirable bject, it is at the same time, necessary to safeguard witnesses from the possibility of being victims to a miscarriage of justice. the interests of the administration of justice. we think, that the Government of the Colony will be well advised were it to take stems either to amend the Oaths Ordinance on the lines of the F.M.S. Affirmations. Enactment, or to allow a direct right of appeal which two Judges of the Supreme Court have separately declared to be non-existent.

TAXI-MOTORS ...

AN UP-TO-DATE EXPERIMENT.

Thanks to the foresight displayed by Messrs. Lavers and Clark, it is now practically assured that in the near future Shanghai will have a service of taxi-motors which will be available for hire by the general public at very reasonble rates. A company—registered at Hongkong, under the title of The Shanghai Motor Cab Company, Limited—has already been formed and it should not be long before an official appouncement is made by the general agents. On making inquiries at Messrs. Lavers and Clark we were informed that at the present time the project is in its infancy, but the company has already ordered several of the most modern cars, such as are plying for hire on the streets of London Ao-day, and there are to be expected early in 19 9. If the venture meets with the success is descrees, and which is confidently anticipated, too cars will be imported, each capable of carrying four persons inside and one outside beside the chaffeur. It seems only yesterday that motor-cars were first introduced into the Stitlement and it speaks volumes for the enterprise of our local business men that in so short a time from the introduction of motors, such an ambitious project should be successfully aunched. Of course, the ultimate success of the undertaking depends upon the general public. Unless the cars receive patronage the company must fail, but when the benefits of the service offered are fully considered it will be realized that the prospect of lack of support is very remote. At the present would it have been possible that 86 of these | time it is suggested to run the cars on the taxicopper coins should have been worth a dollar, motor system, charging at the rate of thirty and within nine months 124 of them should have I cents (mex.) per mile, with a minimum charge | ment. had the same value. These copper are the verye of ten cents for one-third of a mile. When we life-blood of the working people, as in many in- take into consideration the fact that five perstances their wages are paid in them, and a sons can be accommodated in a car, and the deterioration in their value means untold additional speed and comfort in riding, it will be seen that the rates proposed compare favour-It is pleasing to note that, within the last ably with that at present charged by ricshas or two weeks, the Governor of Honan has taken | carriages. The education of chaffeurs is one up this question, and that the Board of Revenue | which should receive a great deal of attention is taking steps toward the end which we I from the managers of the Company; not only have outlined above. A memorial has is it necessary that they should be competent been presented to Their Majesties by the drivers (the Municipal Council will see to that)

for its religibility and comfort. N. C. D. News. | proposed officiali

FLOODS IN MANCHURIA.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC INTERRUPTED.

Tokio, August 24: Portions of the South Mauchuria Railway line are inundated: the Teilissu-Hsungyocheng. section has suffered the most. A light railway is being built to connect

passenger cars, but the traffic of freight cars probably will not be open for ten days. The Amur and Sungari rivers, are swellen considerably. N. G. D. News.

THE U.S. PLEET AND GEISHA

MISSIONARY MEDDLESOMENESS

We learn from the Asaki that General Viscount Terauchi. Minister of War, who holds the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs an interim, has received a letter from Miss F. H Parmelee, an American lady missionary Matsuyama, in regard to the welcome gives the U.S. Pacific fleet, which is expected a Yokohama in October next. The lady strong ly objects to the presence of geisha at the proceedings. "I am," says Miss Parmelee, "an insignificant American woman, but I have the interests of Japan at heart no less than the prominent foreign gentlemen residing in Japan and also sincere Japaneso themselves. I carnestly hope that by means of the extensive power vested in your Excellency, you will exercise your influence towards preventing an act which will expose the disgrace of Japan through the su-called geisha and will injure the honour of the United States Naval men and their simple manly character by entertaining them with such low women. Japan is gaining notoriety as the teahouse of the world since women of. such a class are permitted shamelessly to be. present at public functions, - I carnestly hope an English dignitary, will not be repeated of the U.S. fleet for the sake of Japan and of her "reputation, and also for the

of the American Naval men. I venture to bring such an unpleasant question to your Excellency's consideration because it is a matter of great importance, and I crave your Excellency's indulgence for my presumption, and ask you to give carnest consideration to this sug-The above is a translation from a Japanese

sake of the parents, sisters, and lovers at home

version of the letter in the Anahi. The Asahi remarks that the writer of the letter is very apprehensive of geisha and ironically adds that she is right, but she places too much importance on these women. If they are regarded as simple waitresses, wearing smart clothes there cannot be much, objection to their presence at the public reception of fleets and other func-

THE JAPANESE EXHIBITION. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT

ENTERPRISE,

Tokio, August 27. The Government has decided to postpone the Grand Exhibition of Japan originally fixed for 1912, in sympathy with the postponement

MME. SARAH BERNHARDI. MAY VISIT THE ORIENT,

of other enterprises of the Government.

The divine Sarah Bernhardt may come to. Manila, says the Manila Times. She and her company of players havet been booked for a tour of Australia and being desirous of seeing the Orient she has directed her managers to ly return to the locality and disturb the peace make inquiry as to the business possibilities in of the public. In the representation the Society the cities of the Far East. Cablegrams have was requested, on behalf of the Cantonese neobeen received here and in the other cities of ple, to apply to the Canton authorities for a the Orient making inquiry as to the theatres I large number of troops to be stationed in Tal such sentences, passed by the latter, is likewise and the extent to which the general public | Wong Kong for protection. would be interested. Intermation is being supplied and there is a good chance that the tour will be booked.

Despite the fact that the great actress plays entirely in French there would undoubtedly be general intérest in her visit and the freest patronage of her performances. She is the greatest actress of our time, and interest, even curiosity, would outweigh the linguistic difficulty.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

THE ANTI-OPIUM CAMPAIGN.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 28th August. A commissioner for the prohibition of opiumsmoking will shortly make a tour of inspection throughout the various provinces to ascertain the extent of success that has attended the opium prohibition measures of the Imperial Government. The Canton Anti-opium Society has arranged for a meeting to take place on the arst instant, for the purpose of making arrangements for the reception of the coming commissioner, and at the same time to devise further means to enforce the anti-opium regu-

lations with a view to stricter compliance there-CANTON-MACAO RAILWAY. Lum Tak Yuen was the promoter of the scheme for the construction of the Canton-Macao Railway. He had entered into a contract with certain Fortuguese merchants for the construction of the road at the end of 1906 As no work on the line has been started since the signing of the contract, Lumi reported the matter to the Ministry of Posts and Communications and asked the Ministry to negotiate with the Portuguese Minister at Peking to. carcel the contract. It is now reported from has given instru Peking that the contract signed by the two ! parties concerned has been cancelled.

With reference to the suggestions of the officials of the Honam Police Station for the establishment of an industrial department

connection with the prison, of that station for prisoners convicted of minor offences, the and instructed the officials of that station to draw up regulations for the proposed depart-COPPER CURRENCY.

The Canton Mint had suspended the minting of copper cents for three months from the 5th moon this year. The coining of the copper currency was resumed yesterday. Part of the output of this coinage will be exported to Kwangsi for circulation,

31st August.

POREIGN APPAIRS COMMISSIONER. The Imperial Government proposes to Board of Revenue, recommending the but it is essential that a good class of men be appoint a special Commissioner in each of the unifying of the present standards on the basis obtained, in order that patrons may rely on coast provinces of China solely to conduct \$40,000 per annum for a term of six y affairs with foreigners and has given instrucred to the Government Council for report and The exact type or make of car has not been tions to the Canton authorities to consider the moreover, promised to pay an extra ten feasibility of the appointment of such a Commissioner in Canton, If the Canton authorities | and \$3,000 on the 6th year, are in favour of the proposal, they are instructchanges to render the monetary system of China settled. Whatever type is selected the public ed to make necessary arrangements for the All colleges and schools in Canton have been reasonable and possible will be easy, - Blance may rest assured that Lwill be one renowned establishment of an office in this city for the re-opened during the last week after the mid-

LI SHAL KWAL Li Bhai Kwai, formerly an official in who absconded when he was found s malpractices by ex-Viceroy Shum Chit during his administration bare, retur Canton a few months ago, and he has surrendered himself to the Viceroy, H.E.Ch. Jen-chun, to be examined with the hope that he may be exporated from the alleged charges and be reinstated into office. Since his return to Canton Li was placed in the custody of the Namboi magistrate. Viceroy Chang has investigated the charges and found that Livis not guilty of serious offences and in consideration of his having been heavily fined to the extent of over \$100,000 by H.E. Shum and of the good services he had rendered in former days," H.E. Chang is now about to recommend Li for reinslatement.

PROMOTING NATIVE INDUSTRIES. The newly-appointed Taotal for the Development of Native Industries in Canton has been is structed by the Viceroy to open a few exhibition halls in different parts in the city, where articles and objects of art of different descriptions may be exhibited to the people in order. that they may visit them and thus acquire a. better knowledge of manufactures.

AN ANCIENT TEMPLE. The Shing Woog Temple, one of the most ancient temples in the City of Canton; was somewhat seriously damaged by the typhoon of the 28th July last; one portion of the building collapsed, resulting in the death of one of the temple-keepers. Some of the charitable institutions are of the opinion to pull it down and rebuilt it with some of the material of the present temple so that this aucient temple may be preserved in the memory of the people. The Kwongchow Prefect has been asked to issue a proclamation on the subject and to invite subscriptions for the work.

PROTECTING THE TELEGRAPHS." The Imperial Telegraph Administration bas now offered a reward of \$50 for the arrest of any one found stealing telegraphic materials belonging to the Administration.

CONSUL-GENERAL FOR SYDNEY. Taotai Laing Lan Fun, the newly appointed Chinese Consul-General in Sydney, Australia. left here yesterday for the Capital to receive instructions before proceeding to take up his new appointment.

TYPHOON RELIEF.

With the co-operation of the Central Relief Committee, the Shan Hou Chu are now distributing relief to the sufferers by the typhoon of the 28th July last. The amount of relief thus distributed totals about \$4,000 in all,

FLOOD RELIEF FUNDS. In Saigon, through the influence of Mr. Chang Sik Chou, a Cantonese, a sum \$30.850 was-collected from subscriptions there, and has been remitted to Canton towards the Flood Rollef Funds. .

1st September.

On the 20th ultimo, at about midnight, a passenger launch was held up by -a number of pirates at a place named Tong Tou in Weichow. When the launch was under their control, the pirates sailed away on board her to attack another passenger launch named Zee Vick in the vicinity. The crew of the last mentioned launch vigorously offered resistance, but was obliged to yield owing to the larger number of the sea robbers, with the result that four of the crew were killed.

PROTECTION AGAINST RIOTERS.

The Cantonese residing in Kwangsi, at Tai Wong Kong, where a mutinous outbreak occurred recently and was suppressed by Admiral-Li Chun in co-operation with the local officials, have now made a representation to the Caston Self-Government Society with the fact that at present, though the disturbances there have been suppressed, the mutineers occasional-

BELF-GOVERNMENT SOCIETY. Besides the above instance the Self-Government Society has received several representations complaining of cases of piracles and robberies in the surrounding districts of Canton, and the members of the Society have been asked to refer the facts of the reported cases to the authorities. A general meeting has been convened for to-day by the Society to discuss what steps should be taken to deal with these

promoting native industries. PUI KING FOOK Through the recommendation of the Vicerov H.E. Chang Jen-chun, Pui King Fook, a banished official, was released, and he, has since been given his freedom. Yesterday, Pui sent a telegram to H.E. Chang in which he tendered him his hearty thanks for the signal favour in securing his release and stated that he will one day return to Capton to thank the Viceroy

representations; as well as the question of

personally. LIKIN COLLECTIONS: The collection of Likin dues during the last ten days of the 7th moon as reported by the Likin officials amounted to 31,980.9.9.1 taels. and Septemb

A RUMOUR.: Soon after his return from a visit kong/Admiral Li Chun received iff the effect that some daring rob templating an attempt to hold t river steamers engaged in the top ruo. The Commander is communicated the information Although the report is cont rumour and no serious L to it, the authorities a they have directed sures should be emergency. H. E. Government gui in the sea as far protection of th

The Viceroy, of of the Kwangtung he Imperial Gover at present, rice is hi the sufferers in this tion has been sen! to export a large on dity to Canton to mo In the memorial the! Imperial Government to of that province to give ne different Likin Stations to exportation to Canton free of any hindrance whatsoever.

A MEW THEATRE. The Wing Lok Company have ed by the Police Department the building a theatre on the new bund as Moon close to the American Medical and Hospital, on payment of a spys In addition to the above sum the Compe Sr,000 on the 4th year, \$2,000 on the 5th year SCHOOLS RE-OPENED.

SILVER DOLLAR PIECES. Though great, vigilance has been exercised by the Canton officials in preventing traders from withdrawing the silver dollar pieces recently issued by the Can'on Mint to a large number for local circulation, either for the purpose of exportation or melting down for profit, it is found that the number of these coins seemingly continues to decrease day by day

and are becoming more and more scarce in the Capton market. 't is concluded by the authorities that some traders might be trafficking in the standard coins by exporting them from Capton, and the Canton Mint officials, are therefore instructed to investigate the matter and to devise means to check the practice, and at the same time to offer large rewards for the apprehension of the offenders. CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

The collection of the and call on railway shares of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company at \$1.50 each by the different charitable institutions which was commenced on the 1st day of the 7th moon, does not appear to be promising at all. For the whole of the 7th moon the amount collected by the Wei Hong Institutions was 31,000 taels, Kwang Chai 15,000 taels, Kwing Yan 10,500 taels, Oi Yuk 50,600 tacls, Shung Ching 8,300 tacls, Ming Shin 2,800 taels, Shut Shin 820 taels and the apparent apathy shown in the affairs of the

In the year 1004, when the Company was started, a fow millions of dollars were collected in a short since of time, but now the collection of the and call can only bring it is sum of 100,000 tack in a whole month. This is, no doubt, the outcome of the working of the Company being unsatisfactory to the shareholders and the Imperial Government's decision that the railway should be put under official control through the appointment of II- E. Chang Chih-tung as superintendent of the railway.

It is learnt in Mandarin circles here that the present Salt Comptroller, Ting Nai Young, will be appointed Taolai of Lungchow, in succes ion to Taotai You Shiu Shi who died last month.

· · PROMOTION.

Last evening, at 8 o'clock, an outbreak of fire occurred in a shop named Suo Cheing Loong, in Luen. Hing street, through the careloss use of kerosine oil. The firmes, shot, up very high in the air, and at the time of the accident it was expected that serious damage would result to the neighbouring buildings. Fortunately, by the time'y arrival of the various fire brigades, the confligration, was nut down promptly so that little or, no damage was sustained by the shops in the vicinity: the shop where the fire originated was gutted.

. AN TX-MINISTER. H. E. Teung Shing, ex-Chinese Minister to Germany, will leave here in a few days' time for Peking vin Hongkong.

MILITARY GRADUATES. One hundred and eighty five students of the Military College at the Boca Tigris have recontly completed their course of studies. On the 28th ultimo certificates were, distributed to these graduates by Admiral Li Chun.

#### A MATTHE OF JUKISDICTION.

MOTION TO SET ASIDE JURY'S VERDICT.

About six weeks ago a case of considerable interest, as involving the old question of the registration of partnerships, was heard before the Chief Justice. It was the case Canton, sued for an injunction to restrain Meists. Reuter Brockelma'n and Company, their servants and agents from falsely representthe verdict of the jury was as follows: --On the ground of trespass they returned a

unanimous verdict for plant ffs, and awarded St damages.

They agreed that the nine persons were not partners in the Kwong Hing Cheong by a majority of five to two.

. They agreed that the three, Wong Hing-tong and two others, partners in the Kwong Hing Cheong, were partners in the Chung Loong on February 21st, by a majority of six to one. They agreed, by a majority of four to three, that the defendants acted with reasonable and probable cause in alleging on February 21st,

Chung Loong They were unanimous in finding that this did not constitute a libel, and that there should be no damages.

reserved judgment. He exempted the jury for leges. In the case of military instructors of for their attendance.

Last Monday the case came before the Full | Ministry. Court-comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, and Mr. Justice Competiz-when Counsel were as follows: - For-the plaintiffsir. M. W. Slade, instructed by Wr. C. F. Dixon, their educational duties. Messrs, Hastings, and Hastings. For the Mendanu-Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. and Bir

r. Slade moved :- . hat the verdict of the other country. on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th questions mitted to them be set aside on the grounds the verdict was contrary to the evidence.

Pollock moved that the Judge should wit the plaintiff at the trial on the follow-

ennds :--ecause the alleged wrongs were com-Supreme Court of Hongkong, and high authorities must not employ any foreign wrongs were actionable by the law mendations.

the alleged trespass to immove- matters is not allowed to be felt.

request of the German Consult N. C. D. News.

General at Cauton acting under the Treaty of Tientsin, 1861, between Germany and China for and on behalf of the defendants for the purpose of exacting payment by the plaintiffs to the defendants of moneys claimed by the defendants to be due to them by the plaintiffs, and it was not competent for the judge to assume that the issuing of the said warrant by the said Chinese Authorities was not a judicial act and

(d) Because it was not competent for the judge to assume that such warrant, whether issued judicially or otherwise, was either irregular or invalid by the law of China. (e) Because the alleged libel was not set out

, in the statement of claim. (/) Because the occasion on which the communication constituting the alleged libel and the alleged false representations was made, was an absolutely privileged occa-

(g) Because the plaintiffs gave no evidence of express malice on the part of the defendants and in the absence of such evidence no action would lie in the Supreme Court of Hongkong against the defendants for setting the Chinese Authorities in motion under the aforesaid Treaty of Tientsin.

2 That the judge was wrong in directing the jury that in consequence of the defendants not having produced the warrant Chamber of Commerce 8,050 taels ; total 87,300 of the Chinese Authorities, under which taels. From the above can be seen the the seizure of the property of the plaintiffs had been made, they must find a verdict Company by the general body of shareholders. for the plaintiffs with damages for trespass to. the goods of the plaintiffs:-

(a) Because it was not necessary for the defendants to produce such warrant at the trial inasmuch as (t) the fact that the seizure had been made under the warrant for the Chinese Authorities was admitted on the pleadings, and the Statement of Claim contained no allegation impeaching the validity or regularity of such warrant; and (2) it was not competent for the judge the warrant of the said Chinese Authorities inasmuch as it was issued and enforced beyond the jurisdiction of the Supreme

Court of Hongkong. ence to show that the said warrant was Hongkong.

invalid or irregular by the law of China.

(3.) That inasmuch as the jury found a verdirt for the defendants on all the issues of facts left to them, and only found for the plaintiffs | duty at the wharf until about noon, : On his way on the one issue of trespass to goods because to the Central Station he called in at the Fire they were directed so to do, the judge was Brigade Station to consult a brother officer wrong in refusing the application of the defendunts for the costs of those issues which the been held shortly. "P. C. Taylor sat on his jury had found in their favour.

refusal was based, namely :- That the direction to find for the plaintiffs on the trespass issue terminated the case, and that the issues submitted the reafter were irrelevant, and therefore unnecessary, did not constitute "good cause" for depriving the defendants of the costs of such issues. ..

The question had not been decided when our representative left the Court.

Mr. M. W. Slade, who appears for the Kwong unfortunate man conveyed to hospital. Hing Cheung firm, of Canton, was continued in the upreme Court, on Tuesday. In this action Messrs, Reuter, Brockelmann and Company (the defendants) who were accused of having wrangfully seized the property of Messrs. Kwong Hing Cheung to satisfy an alleged debt, requited in the Chief fustice awarding the plaintiff firm one dollar damages. Mr. Slade criticised the verdict of the jury and analysed the evidence at length to show that the decision in-which-the-Kwong-Ming-Gheung-firm-of-|-should-he-upset. The-discussion-had-not-con-|-Thunderton, Peterhead, N.B., and his sudden cluded by the time the Court rose.

In the Supreme Court, last Thursday, before | which he was held by all who knew him, ing to the German' Cobsultat Cauton, and to the Full Court, complising the Unit Jublica the Chinese author ties at Canton that certain and Mr. Justice Competiz, the argument was of the partners of the Cheung Loong firm, of continued to set aside the jury's verdict in the Hongkong, sugar merchante, weightsn partners | case in which Messis. Reuter Brockelmannland in the plaintiffs' firm; and from 'urther endeav. Company Were sued by the Kwong Hing ouring to enforce payment by the pinintiffs of a | Cheung firm, of Canton, for alleged wrongful debt alleged to be due to the defendants by the rezure of property belonging to them. Mr. M. Choung Loong firm, by attachment-of-property- -W.-Slade, instructed by Mr. Dixon, of Messes. belonging to the plaintiffs or in which they were ! "astings and Hastings, appeared for the plain! interested. The plaint fis claimed the sum of I fis and Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Sir \$10,000 damages for alleged false representation | Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. Laing, and libel. The case lasted fourteen days and of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, appeared for the defendants.

> THE STATUS OF LEACHERS IN CHINA.

PREVENTION OF DISPUTES BETWEEN CHINESE AND FOREIGNERS.

For the purpose of preventing disputes beween the Chinese authorities and foreigners employed as teachers and instructors by the Provincial Governments, the Ministry of Education has drawn up some new rules, which that these three men were partners in the have been sanctioned by the Empress Dowager for the control of foreign teachers in China " he following are the most important points :--

.-Without the sanction of this Ministry, no foreign subjects can be employed to act as After argument as to costs his Lordship to chers in any of the modern schools or coltwo years from civil duties and thanked them | advisers, the permission of the Ministry of War is necessary in addition to the sanction of this

z.-Foreign teachers or instructors should not interest themselves in litigation between Chinese and foreigners, or in any affairs outside

3 .- The salaries of teachers and instructors shall be paid either in Chinese Government enry Betkeley, & C, instructed by Mr E. P. dollars coined in the central mint of the Minis-Laing, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and try of Finance at Tientsin or any other Chinese silver coin regardless of the currency of any

4 .- Foreign teachers or instructors cannot leave their schools or colleges or resign unless three months' notice is given beforehand. nst the weight of the evidence and perse- In case of sickness of more than infleen in that the majority of the jury were in- days, they must find suitable substitutes ced by the desire not to allow the plaintiffs whose pay, etc., must, be settled privately. If

wong Hing Cheung firm the identity of schools or colleges must do so and during the on a charge of swindling. That charge was stners was concented by the use of hong, period, one-half of the sick teachers' pay will interpreted by the police as passing counterbe deducted to pay substitutes. 5.—Foreign teachers must obey the instruc-

regard to educational affairs. 6.-In order to secure the services of cap- paid for the article he wanted with a dollar note, ed beyond the territorial jurisdiction able men Viceroys and Covernors and other received his change, and proceeded to leave

aintiffs failed to prove that such al- teachers or instructors without strong recom- however, he did not like the article he had pur-Country within whose jurisdiction 7 .- Foreign teachers must only be entrusted | the parcel, together with the change, on the

stated in the pleadings of the | 8 .- Upon satisfactory conclusion of their returned, and the coolie left. A few minutes to have been committed to im- agreements the Chinese Government, in addi- later, the accountant discovered that the money property, situated in China be. I tion to the usual passage money, will give the he had received from the coolie was counterfelt. Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court | teachers or instructors three months extra pay. The alarm was given, and a number of fokis | day afternoon; an outbreak of fire was discovered | more than his legal fare. In addition defendant | Messra; Mayataki and Company for \$145; beginning Copies of the above new rules have been sent the act constituting the alleged to the various Provincial Governments, include standings and Hastings who Williams harbour regulations | Xavier, an assistant engineer of the P.W.D. who Davidson, Messas. Hastings and Hastings who will to moveables was the seigure of leg Manchuria and Mongolia, by H.B. Chang force seized, The crolle, who gave the name of property by the Chinese Author. | Chih-tung: Comptroller-General of the Ministry | Fook Sam, was charged in the Police Court, d'by the said Chinese Author. of Education, and they are already in force. to-day, with the offence, He was remanded,

CYMKHANA NOTES.

SELECTION FOR THE EVENTS:

It was not untiliste this afternoon-at three. o'clock to be precise-when a friend asked me for, a few." tips," for the gymkhana which is to be held to-motrow, that I was reminded that ! had a duty to perform for your paper.

For the past few weeks very little training work has been carried on, owing to two thingsthe unsettled state of the track, and the unruly state of the elements. But notwithstanding | \$79,639.63, which the directors recommend these disadvantages which the owners of ponies have had to contend with a few times were taken, but were not of much consequence.

To-morrow's gymkhana should be a very sporting event, and should we be favoured with

fine weather, a large attendance is assured. According to the programme which I have To write off electric plant ....... before me there are seven entries for the first event-the Five Furlong Race. This event remains between Kingston, who is being ridden at 150 lbs , and Ard Patrick (157 lbs.) The Gymkhana Stakes—the race of the after-

noon-should be considered that of Coxcomb. but Blue Nile must not go out of reckoning. For the Welter Race, for which there are three entries, Mr. Leeson's mount is worth backing.

The mile race should produce a good field. Sidier Dhu start he should win. If not, the

The last race rests with Astral. POLICE OFFICER'S UNTIMELY SUDDEN DEATH DUE TO SENSTROKE.

William Taylor, which took place in the Government Civil Hospital, some time last to inquire into the validity or regularity of night the Police Force of Hongkong has lost a most promising officer, and its members a staunch friend.

The circumstances surrounding the death of this popular officer are most pathetic. Police (b) Because the plaintiffs produced no evid- Constable Taylor had been stationed at No. 6 Police Station, the Peak, for some time, and either invalid or irregular by the law of on the 1st instant was transferred to headquarters... Shortly after ten o'clock yesterday (c) Because the plaintiffs produced no evid- morning P. C. Taylor was sent out on special e ce to show that the said warrant was duty at the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's what. He appeared to be in his usual spirits, and no complaint had he been heard to make. He remained on about a hunting expedition which was to have friend's bed, while the friend busied himself-(4) That the grounds upon which such about the room, listening to what was being said. Suddenly Taylor stopped speaking, and he was seen to fall back on the bed and then a second or so later he rolled to the floor, .. He was picked up by his friend and replaced on

a violent fit of vamiting, from which he soon recovered. For a while he seemed better and complained of feeling bad about the head. glass of soda water was handed him, but he did not have the time to drink much of it when he . The motion to set aside the judgment of the I was seized with an attack again, and co-lapsed. Chief fustice, which was raised last Monday by Hurriedly, an ambulance was called and the became unconscious during the night, and died, as already, stated, before midnight. Death was due to sunstroke.

The deceased was quite a young man, Court, to-day, and sentenced to six months' being twenty-four years of age. came to Hongkong two years ago to join the local force, having been drafted from the Aberdeen Police. Prior to this deceased was with his father in a dairy farm at Peterhead, Aberdeenshire. He was a native of East demise will come as a shock to many, owing to the man's sterling qualities and the esteem in caves his parents in the Homeland, and brother-P.C. 94 A. K. Taylor-who is also a member of the local force-to moura his loss. The funeral took place this afternoon under-Masonic rites and the cortege was followed by a squad of police officers and many civilians.

THE FLOUR CASE.

FURTHER LEAVE TO ARGUE GRANTED,

In the Bankroptcy Jurisdiction Court, last Tuesday afternoon, the Chief Justice (Sir Francis Piggott) gave his reserved decision in the action, commonly known as the "flour case." At the last hearing, Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (instructed by Mr. A. Holborrow, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) moved: 1.—That the transfer by Li King Shek, the proprietor of the Kwong Yik Wo firm, of 14,000 bags of flour in favour of one Chan Mai Chi was a fraudulent proference," so against the other creditors of the debtor. 2.—That Chai Kee was not a bena fide purchaser for value of the 14,000 bags of flour from the Chan Mai Chi; and 3 -That the Official Receiver and Trustee is entitled to the proceeds of sale of to,000 out of the bags of flour, which proceeds were paid into Court to the credit of Original

Jurisdiction Action No. 205 of 1905 Mr. M. W. lade (instructed by Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, of Messrs, Wilkinson and Grist) moved for the dismissal of the motion as against Chai Kee on the ground that the Court hat no jurisdiction. He stated that Chai Kee was the ourchaser from Chan Wai Cheb, and unless the purchase had been set aside it was good and

---The-Chief-justice-dismissed the first and s cond motions, and gave leave for the third item to be further are ved.

ALLEGED COUNTERFEITER IN CUST ODY.

ACCUSED OF SWINDLING A SHOP ACCOUNTANT. A Chinaman, well-dressed, and having the appearance of a shop foki, was given in cus-

feit coins. It was alleged by the shop accountant that tions of the director and the head-master with the coolie called at his business house yesterday under the pretext of making a purchase. He I kopg currency alone will be accepted. the premises. When he reached the door. chased, and returning to the accountant placed constituting the alleged wrongs with the teaching of civil and military subjects; | counter, and demanded back his dollar bill, care must be taken that their influence in other | alleging that he had paid twice too much for the stuff. To avoid any trouble the bill was went in search of the man, whom they found

pail pains allowed in the dam-of \$100.

HONGKONG HOTBL CO., LD.

LAST HALF-YEAR'S FINANCIAL RESULTS

. The profit on working account, to goth amounted to \$80,723.30 as compared with \$73,068.73 for the corresponding period of 1907, dealt with in book form, as it deserves to be,

being un increase of \$7,754.0". The profit and loss account, including the title-page, bearing a title both extensive and sum of \$152.17 brought forward from 31st comprehensive, something after this style : December, 1907, shows a credit balance of should be apportioned as follows :-

. 6 pay a dividend of 6 per cent. for To transfer to repairs and renewals account ...... 15,000,00 To write off furniture and fixture ... 10,000.00 3,500,00 To write off steam launch ......... To carry forward to new account ... 579,639.63

A LADY'S PREDICAMENT.

HER RICKSHA STRUCK BY A TRAM ON THE PRAYA EAST.

Mrs. Cecilia Cooper, a young woman who resides at 2, Observation Place, related to Mr. J. H. Kemp, in the Police Court to-day, a most painful adventure which she underwent on the Praya East vesterday: As evidence Mrs. Cooper showed a couple of bruises on her face, and informed the Court that she had also received several cuts about the leg. In the dock were two ricksha coolies, whom Mrs. Cooper accus-Through the death of Police Constable ed of being responsible for her injuries, by their negligence.

"I engaged a ricksha in town yesterday to return home," the complainant said. "While going along the Praya East I called the coolie's attention to the fact that a tramcar was coming up from behind, but he paid no attention, Again I told him to move off the lines, but still no notice was paid, until, finally, when he started to move he could not get away in time. owing to the presence of the second defendant's ricksha, which was on the wrong side of the road." The tram struck her ricksha and overturned it, throwing her on the road, and causing her the injuries, already mentioned.

His Worship found that there was negligence shown, and ordered each coolie to pay com-| plainant \$15 compensation.

GOLD RINGS STOLEN.

THIEF WELL PUNISHED.

A few days ago Mrs. Hobbs, who resides at r. Ozmsby Villa, Kowloon, lost two gold rings from her house. The rings she valued at \$90. the bed and on this occasion he was seized by A report was made to the Tsim-tsa-tsui Police. with the result that a description of the ring was given to all pawnbrokers, with instructions to detain the person offering them in pawn, This had the desired effect, for vesterday a ceolie named Chan Hoi was handed over to the police. Chan denied the charge vigorously, saying that he had found the rings. The police believed, however, that while Chao was visiting some of the lady's servants he sneaked up to her room during her absence and stole he rings. Accused was charged in the Police

> MAKINE COURT EXCESS OF PASSENGERS.

In the Marine Court, this morning, before Sing, of 81, Wing Lok Street, the agent or to sign your name and cabin number. attempting to leave the waters of the Colony The first defendant denied the charge while edness, the second defendant admitted the offence.

. It was stated by prosecutor that at 3.30 on, just as bad as ever. The result is that p.m. yesterday, he boarded the s.s. spir. He when the boat dumps you at Teluk Blanga you demanded from the master the port clearance, are a confirmed chit-signer, and Singapore is which allowed only twelve passengers. He I ready to receive you with open arms. Which counted twenty passengers in presence of the in does.

master-an excess of eight. It was stated by the master that he told Wing Sing, his charterer, that he would not take more than twelve passengers. Despite-this, more than twelve passengers came on board before the vessel's departure.

Wing Sing's statement was to the effect that it was a mistake on the part of his fold. It was further stated by the master that he

informed Wing Sing two days beforehand that he could only take twelve passengers, and he repeated his order again yesterday before the passengers came on board

The first defendant was fined to cents while Wirg Sing had to pay \$240 to the Court.

HONGKONG VOLUNIEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

INTERPORT COMPRTITION PRACTICE.

Practices will be held at King's Park Range on Caturday, 5th, and Sunday, 6th September, and each Saturday and Sunday until further notice, for the purpose of choosing a team from the best shots in the Colony who shall compete against teams in Shanghai, Singapore and Penang, for the Interport Challenge Trophy. It is hoped that all the best shots of this Association will endeavour to obtain places in tbe team..

POOL SHOOTING. Practice and Pool Shoots will be held at the Peak Range as follows :ve the benefit of the judgment of this sick teachers or instructors cannot fied suit tody of the police yesterday afternoon by the Saturday, 5th Sept. 2 to 5.30} 200 yards.

Trable Court because in the accounts of able substitutes? then the director of the accountant of a firm at 145, Bonham Strand, Sunday, 6th , 10 to 12.30} Saturday, 12th Sept. 2 to 5.30 500 yards. Sunday, 13th ,, 10 to \$2.30 500 yards.

Members are notified that cash must be pai on the range for ammunition and cards and in no circumstances can credit be given. Hong-Shooting dates for the remaining wack-ends in September will be notified later.

RESULT OF HARBOUR REGULATIONS.

Tokio, August 31, As the T. K. K. S. Tenyo Mara was proceed. ing of her voyage outside Yokohama yesterin her forward stoke hold. The outbreak was which forbid the discharge of oily water The damage done was slight. Repairs are completed and the Tomo More left for Ban

Francisco this afternoon -N. C. D. Rene.

CHITS,

AND ALL ABOUT THEM

This subject is one of the greatest importance to the wise (or otherwise) young men who come June, 1908, of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ld., to the East, and as such should be treated with due dignity and respect. If the subject were should have, in the first place, a magnificent

> What they are, and Why. A description of their use and abuse in the wirds of the Far Hait : With special reference to Clubs and other institutions in Singapore:

Complete Guide as to How to Avoid . . also How to Reach, the Bankrupicy Court (By One Who Knows).

That just about shows what ground we have o cover. When we come to grips with the question

we are faced unmediately with this question; Who invented monthly pay-days?

Preserving a perfectly impartial, mind, we should then ask: Ought be to have a statue erected to his memory, or ought he to be treated it la Guy Fawkes? The answer will. vary according to whether the individual is one who receives chits, or one who signs them, There will no doubt be many possessed of an. ever-growing banking account who will rise up and say " Blessed be the inventor of chital And there will be others who-but 'auff said, as the poct puts it.

Can it be that the late lamented Sir Stamford Raffles invented Singapore and chits at the same time? It may be so. The fact may have escaped the notice of his biographers. Imagine the soul of Sir Stamford entering for a space, some sunny, evening, into the bronze statue on the Plain. With folded arms he stands proudly surveying the result his bandiwork, and soliloquises thus: " Here we are. This is Singapore. This is what comes of being enterprising. Look at that shipping, spread out miles in length. Look at this esplanade. See these young men playing cricket (nearly all of them bankrupt). Look at those fine buildings. See what the commerce of Singapore is . . . , and all built up on chits !"

But it cannot have been Sir S. He's got his statue, sure and safe. People only get statues erected to their memory when everybody agrees; that they deserve them, and if there had been muy thought that he invented chits-and monthly pay-days-there would have been a difference of opinion—as to the statue idea. So it couldn't have been him. Anyway, there we are. We have got the

system, and we have got to make the worst of it-at least, that is what most of us do. What is a chit?. In plain and simple language, a chit is an ingenious and pleasant. looking contrivance for causing you to buy, absolutely against your will, a lot of things (chiefly in liquid form) that you have very little

use Lif. that are not good for you and that you

have really very little hope of ever being, able to pay for. Do you know the story of the Hebrew gentleman, who like most of all his co-religionists, was a genius at business? Speaking to one who was not of his persuasion he remarked: "What astonishes me is where you Christians get all the money that we get from you!"

There is a world of truth in 'it ; and somehow one is led to think that chits were-but no. There is no need to stir up racial animosities over the question of who invented chits, though it is quite likely that the real and original culprit was proud of his achievement. The chit evil is deep-seated, deep-rooted.

Whether or dot it was first established in the East-for it may not have been the very cer--tain-that the disease has spread for and wide. In point of fact, the moment you step on board the Hon. Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N., the P. and O. boat at Tilbury you enter Chit-Harbour Master, Police-Sergeant George Jack- land. Drinks and smokes and a lot of other son charged Mr. Wolfgang Hore, master of things can be had through the simple medium the Norwegian steamship Spir, and Wing of a little printed card, with blanks on which

charterer of the same ship, with unlawfully. Then there comes the end of the week-not month, in this instance-and you are presented after baying obtained a port clearance with a with a nest bundle held together with an elasnumber of passengers greater than that allowed | tic band. On the back of the last one is an by the said port clearance on the 3rd instant. swful legend in blue-the total of your indebt-

When you get over the initial shock you go

The disease of chit-signing is rarely found to be carable. There have been cases where strong men have tried to struggle with the fatal habit, only to fail. There have been instances where men have, in desperation, fled from these shores to the place from ,whence they came, where chits are not known; but the deadly WITH reference to recently current rumours. known to throw such people into a state of against his Honour Judge Wilfley. frenzy. They have wept tears of joy on beholding the welcome sight once more, after an THE command of the Alderity, dispatch ship

absence of years. There are only two things to be done with | will be retained by Commander Cyril T. M the chit systems Either it should be abolished Fuller, who took over the command in February -which is, of course, impossible-or it should last. Lieut. Neil O'Niell has been appointed be extended to all branches of commerce. Why first officer of the Alecrity, from the battleship not pay for rikisha rides by chits? Why not | Dreadnought. Lieut. O'Neill is a smart officer give tips in chits? Why not give chits over of eleven years' service in the Royal Navy. the counter when you buy stamps?

Do you remember the case of the lady whose banking account was overdrawn? What didshe do?-Calmly wrote out a cheque for the amoun'! Now, chits might be used something after this fashion. Why not start a banking account with chits? How splendid it would be to go into a local bank and reaching for the chit pad femark to the clerk, " I want to open an account here. Stick that down to my name. . .. " (handing him a chit with "1 O. U. \$50,000" written on it).

That would be something like, When one had drawn cash for the total amount-one could write out another chit. The

thing is simplicity itself ! that is to say, the old resident, gets a great deal hereby given that the following changes in the of fan out of watching the flounderings of the positions of buoys marking the Confuctus !!! new arrival who endeavours to suit himself te | Channel have been made :- South-east" Spit" the ways of the place. This fun might be added Buoy (gas-lighted) is now moored in 35 feet at the to greatly if, say; once a year a special kind of low water of spring tides. From the Buoy, tournament or competition were held. Only South-west Beacon bears N. 23 E., distant 3.0" newcomers should be allowed to enter and the miles. Actseon Buoy is now moored in 60 feet object should be to see who could run up the of water at low water of spring tides. From the largest number of bills, or the largest bills, in Buoy, South-west Beacon bears S. 83" H. distant the shortest space of time. This would provide 5.7 miles. All bearings given are magnetic. a fine test for the abilities of the chit-signer

new to the game,---As to winning the prize I am afraid that at any rate, shouldn't stand an " earthly," C. V. H. in Singapore Free Pross.

missed. Un the other charge the coolie-in until liquidation proceedings were begun This Chenen Ho-was fined \$1

#### COMMERCIAL

WBERLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the wook, Messrs, E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write under to-

day's date :-During the past week, the market has continued quiet and inactive with but a small business to record, but rates in most cases have been fairly well maintained.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited is advertised to take place on Saturday, the rath inst. The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 6th to the 12th instact. The ordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Douglas, Staamship, Co., Limited, will, be held on Saturday, the 19th September.

closed from the 8th to 19th September! . ... Banks,-Hongkong and Shangbai Banks have ruled steadier, during the week and towards the close, were sold at \$750. The London quotation is £78 10s.

The transfer books of the company will be?

Marine Insurances,-North Chinas are still in favour in the North at Tls. 78, while Cantons. remain neglected at \$220. Unions can probably be placed at \$750. Sales of Yangtires: have been effected at \$166.

Fire Insurances .- Both China Fires and Hongkong Fires are in demand at quotations. Shipping.—There are buyers of Hongkong, t Canton and Macao Bloamboats at \$274, but sellers are not forthcoming. Star Ferries old and new are unchanged and without business :

Refineries,-China Sugars are quiet at protection. Perak Sugars are again on offer at

Mining.-Chinese Engineerings have strengthened, and buyers prevail in the North at Tis. 16. Raubs can be sold at \$71.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.-There are buyers of Kowloon Wharfs at \$46. Whampon Docks have sellers at \$100. In the North. there are sellers of Shaughai Docks at Tis. 85 while Hongkew Wharls are wanted at Tls. 1674 Lands, Hotels and Buildings .- Humphreys Estates are obtainable at Sto. Hongkong Lands are veglected at \$24. Shanghai Lands are firmer and buyers prevail at Tla. 1161. Cotton Mills.—A slight decline in Ewos has. occurred and sales have been effected at Tis. or.

Hongkong Cottons have been sold at Siz. There are sellers of Internationals at Tis, 66, Lau Kung Mows at Tis. 85, and Soy Chees at Miscellsneous .- China Providents bave been 1 booked at \$9 and more are wanted at the: rate. Sales of Green Island Cements have been effected at \$10 ex the interim dividend of 40.

cents per share paid on the 31st ult, Hongkong!" Ropes have been dealt in at \$24. William. Powells are inquired for at \$4. Langkats. have experienced a sharp rise closing with buyers at Tls. 5924. Exchange. - the Bants selling rate on:

London is 1/91 on demand. The T. T. rate on Shanghai is 75. Dividends Payable,-Langkats-Third inerim of Tis. 10 per share for a/c 1908, payable.

in Shanghai on the 15th inst. TO- LY'S EXCHANGE.

America-Bank T F. ......421 singapore-Bank-T.T. per H.K. \$100 .....75 

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#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

and of Fuggenderate

A DISPATCH from Peking reports that the new. Russian Minister was expected to arrive there. on the toth ultimo.

ONE sergeant, Army Ordnance Corps, wife. and child, arrived in the Command for duty on and instant from Colombo per s.s. Devanha.

desire has seized them again, and they have the N. C. D. News understands that legal prohastened back, slaves to chit-itis. The sight | ceedings will shortly be instituted in the maiter of a chit pad lying on a hotel table has been of the charges that have been publicly made

to the China Squadron, on recommissioning,

IT has been known to the police for some time past that the loafers of the city were in the habit of making Blake Garden their sleeping." grounds, but they could do nothing as the night birds" were nearly always aware of their approach and, of course, made themselves scarce. At about three o'clock this' morning.

Policeman Elridge, having got the "tip" paid

a visit to the gardens and arrested five men,

who were found fast aslesp on the seats or on ?

the grais. The accused were each fined \$200

when brought before Mr. J. H. Kemp to-day." THE following potice to mariners has been issundat Shanghai: - Yangtzo River-Uoniucius The old established chit-signer in Singapore; Channel-alteration in buoyage; Notice is

In the Supreme Court, this morning, Mr. Justice, at Gomperts presiding, three claims were brought " against the Imperial Brewing Company, Wong-neischong Road. Judgment in each claim was entered for the plaintiffs. "The first! action was brought by Mr. A. F. Wels, the ANOTHER rickshie coolin-making about the brewer, for \$400 for wages. The two other twentieth in a fortnight-was prosecuted in the litems were brought by Mesers. Lane, Crawford? Police Court, this morning, for demanding and Company to recover \$3205.59 and by was also charged with assaulting Mr. I. M. ing for goods sold and delivered Mr. E. appeared as complainant, in both cases. The appeared for the Brewing Cympany, consented latter charge was not proved, and that was dis- to judgment. He asked for a stay of execution?

ACCORDING to a Tokio despatch of 24th ulto. Dr. Koch has sailed for Washington, where he will attend the International Tuberculosis in Fukien, Chekiang, Kiangsi and Shansi. Conference.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the Ordinance to amend The-Evidence Ordinance 1889.

THE King's exequatur empowering Mr. Tatsuichire Funatsu to act as Vice-Consul for Japan at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

THE master of the s.s. Cheong Shing reports a steamer's mast showing above water of Fort Point, Hokshan Bay, Haitan Straits, apparently not long immersed.

MR. G. Wuilleumier, secretary of the International Cotton Mills and one of Shanghai's most popular jockeys, has returned to the northern settlement from his holiday.

FOR allowing the "Yulo" of his boat to project outboard, while lying alongside the s.s. Rejaburi, Chan Mi, a bostmani was fined 12 in the Police Court, on Saturday last.

In the action in the Summary Court last Friday over alleged damages to a house roof Mr. M. A. Vas was the plaintiff. He was represented by Messrs. Goldring, Barlow & Morrell salicitors.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally and pending the receipt of His Majesty's exequatur, Dr. Rössler as Consul for Germany at Hongkong during the absence on leave of Dr. E. A. Voretzsch.

MR. T. L. PERKINS, executive engineer, has been deputed by His Excellency the Governorin-Council to act on behalf of the Building Authority in all cases referred to in section 207 a of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

WE learn from a Hankow paper that Commander General Chang, of that province, has engaged a Japanese as balloon teacher to the 8th regiment. Already, he has issued orders to the officers to select able soldiers to attend balloon ascent exercise at the Military Academy.

THE Japanese Government has issued, through the foreign Embassies and Legations in Tokio, invitations to foreign Governments to send military officers to inspect the grand manœuvres. of the Japanese army, to be held in the provinces of Settsu, Kawachi and Idzumi this

An actor and a hawker, who were amusing themselves in Hollywood Road last Friday after noon by punching eath other over the head, because they could not settle an argument amicably, had each to:pay three dollars, or go to gaol for one week with hard labour, in the Police Court, on Saturday morning.

A noakding house tunner, trading under the name of Fung Man, of 64, Second Street, walked into the compound of No. 7 Police Station last Friday evening in search of a friend, whom he believed to have been arrested. Inspector Robertson accommodated Fung Man with a cell for trespass. He paid one dollar in the Police Court, on Saturday morning.

Tife Japan Mail says that a young man of German nationality ran over a Japanese and his infant about 4.30 pim. on Aug. 15th while riding in Yamamoto-cho, injuring them severely. He is said to have attempted to make his escape without paying attention to the victims, but was stopped by some people, who handed him over to the Bluff police, by whom he underwent examination.

Kokumin, naval experts have tested the torpedo named Ali Mohammed. The promissory note U.S.N., and they were pleased with the satis. part payment of a debt. . On receipt of the note ding. It is expected that it will be adopted by search was made, without any results, and the U.S. Navy.

FOR bringing letters into the Colony, for delivery, without the same having passed through the hands of the Post Office, was the charge a Chinaman named Chan han Tso had to answer in the Police Court, last Saturday. The letterspineteen in all-which were mostly addressed to America, were discovered by Police Sergeant, Wilson, who was searching for opium. The accused was fined \$10 for the offence, the alter native being sources days hard labour.

A LANDSLIDE took place on Kennedy Road last Friday afternoon. A Chinaman, named Fong Lun, about forty-six years age, was engaged at the time filling his baskels with earth which he was scraping from the hillside. He could not get out of the way in time and was buried in the debrig. The accident was notic- seven or eight Roman Catholic missionaries the unfortunate man's assistance. The coolie had apparently been killed instantly and his body was sent to the mortuary by the Wanchai

THE Ministry of Posts, and Communication has instructed the Directors-General of the various Imperial Railways to manage with frugality and to dismiss all the supernumer aries now in the employ of the Railways. is stated that in obedience to this order about forty supernumerary officials employed on the Peking-Mukden Railway will be dismissed. H. E. Chen Pib. President of the above-noted Ministry, proposes to construct a railway from Hunan to Yunnan in order to facilitate communications.

WE learn that the proposed railway extension of the fine connecting with the Pingheiangmine is to be undertaken by the Canton-Hankow Railway Company. The Pinghaiang coal mine proposed to make this extension on their line from Chuchow to Shanshan, but the Hunan division of the Canton-Hankow Railway considered that this line should be built by the Railway Company as part of the main line. The necessary consent of the Board of Posts and Communications has already been obtainad. - Bhanghai Times.

HEMP conditions in the Philippine islands are improving steadily and the output of the fibre is constantly increasing as is shown by A.REPORT has been made to the police of a the figures of the receipts of the staple both bold robbery having been committed on board here and in Cebu. The total receipts of hemp the Canton steamer Paul Beau, between one shows 37,399 beles up to on 24th nito, and the passenger returned to his cabin to have his kong summer to Mindapao as an ideal Eastern patient developed pheumonia in the left long. September Mancaster, Meyune, Prins Lud-Bong for former years,-Manila Times.

khana Club fixed for last Saturday afternoon 26th ult. with great Iclas. The road is well fied as an interpreter in the Japanese lan-

bong, or national Bank of China, has obtained B. S. Philipotts, R.E., from 3rd to 7th, Septemi. Imporial sanction to establish local branches | ber, 1908.

Schools, proceeded to Tientain on 30th ultimo VICEROY Chen-Kwei-lung, of Hukwang, has received instructions from the Ministry of the Interior, instructing that a census of various departments and districts be taken within three

TANG SHAO-YI, Special Envoy to the United States, arrived in Tientsin on the asth ultimo from Mukden where he has handed over his Governorship of Féngtien to Viceroy Hau Shih. chang. H.E. Tang left Tientsin for Poking the

News has now been received of Dr. Sven Hedin. A caravan from Lhassa (Thibet) has arrived at Leh, in Kashmir, bringing a letter | promoted to the rank- of Lieutenant, with from one of his servants, saying that the Swed sh traveller is well, and his caravan in the King Alfred, for the Fame to date July 14. grod condition.

A CANTON dispatch reports that Mr. Yen, of the Liangkwang Military Secretariat, has been placed under arrest. He is charged with being in collusion with the Kolaohui, a well-known secret society having local branches in different parts of the country, notably in Anhui, Hupch and Honen.

THE residence at Yuigahama, Kamakura, of Mr. J. E. de Becker was totally destroyed by fire on 22nd ult. The inmates of the house, of P 1,000. Tan Yan Bin was convicted of ist managed to escape in their night attire. The loss is very heavy, and among the property destroyed is a fine library and a valuable collection of curios.

IT is reported that a member of the Russian Consulate in Tientsin, named Chia Ching-lu, has been arrested in connection with the recent outrage committed against the Russian Consul, M. Poppe. Chia is at present imprisoned in the Chinese Police Station and will shortly be brought before the Tientsin Customs Tautai

Two more ricksha coolies paid the penalty for their misbehaviour in the Police Court, last Tuesday. They were charged by Inspector Withers and Mr. J. Ross, of the Public Works Department, with refusing to accept hire when disengaged. On this charge they were found quilty, and they were called upon to pay fines of 5 and \$3 each, respectively.

A "LEARNED" thiel entered the bed-room Mr. J. Wotherson, a clerk, residing at 6, Stanley Street, sometime during last Monday night or early on Tuesday morning, and stole from the pocket of one of the gentleman's trousers, which was hanging on a peg, something like \$175 in cash: As quietly as he entered the thiel took his departure, leaving no trace behind him.

WITH reference to the remarks appearing, in our last Monday's issue aneut the proposed Typhoon Emergency Chips, we now learn on good authority that twenty-five members have already volunteered their services, which must be considered is a very encouraging beginning. This being the typhobn season, it is to be hoped that more people will step forward and make the new scheme the success it deserves

A CULINARY artist named Leung Sam was brought before Mr. J. H. Kemp, in the Police Court, to-day (est inst.), charged with larceny, on which charge he was sem inded. Leung was alleged to have boarded the steamer Ilha Dom Joan, lying off Wanchai, at about five o'clock this morning and stole from the stoker's wardrobe something like \$2.20 worth of clothing. Leung's clumay movements were supposed to bave awakened the stoker, who seized him.

A PROMISSORY note for \$710 was stolen last ACCORDING to a telegram received by the Monday from the office of an Indian broker, gun invented by Commodore Cleveland Davis, was received by the broker in the afternoon as factory results of the experiment. This gun Ali Mohammed placed it under a paper-weight throws a projectile which explodes after pass. on the top of his desk, and proceeded to attend ing through a ship's armour. At the trial it to his work in another part of his office. When penetrated the thickest armour, without-explosine returned the promissory nois was gone. A police aid was invoked.

> A THLEGRAM from Nagasaki reports an interesting incident that has just occurred on board the steamer Manshu bound from Kuchingtsu for Singapore. A policeman examining the hold heard a sound emanating from rice bags. While wondering what it was, he saw a feminine hand protruding from one of the bays. He at once took out the bag, and discovered nine young girls being stowed away to Singapore. They were released and a- man who had kidnapped them was taken in charge.

THE funeral of the late Dr. Stocke (of the Church of Scotland Mission), who died of cholers at Ichang on the 17th-ultimo, was held on the 18th and was attended by the business community of the port as well as by some ed by a number of other coolies, who rushed to I who remain at their post all the year round. In the absence of the other representatives o Protestant Missions, who are all away at Kuling. the Hankow Daily News says the burial service was perforce read by a Chinese cleric.

> A.CHINAMAN named Cheung Lam, otherwise called Cheng Iu Fun, who was discovered at an early hour this morning (1st inst.) in the Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co.'s premises, peering through the cracks of the store-room d or, by the aid of matches, was seized, and charged in the Police Court, this morning, by the head watchman with being "in enclosed premises for an unlawful purpose." The accused stated that he "thought" he went there to look for a chum. The Magistrate (Mr. Kemp) gave him fourteen days to thick sgain.

know it is correct.-Shanghai Free Press.

THE Director-General of the Te-ching Yin- STATION leave hus been granted to Captain LIEUTENANT A. Gott, Inspector of Army

> par s.s. Kucichow, on inspection duty. TERMISSION has been granted to Lieut.-Commander H. Yoshikawa, of the Imperial Japanese Navy, to visit the naval establishments and

ships at Devenport.

LEAVE of absence, on urgent private affairs, to the United Kingdom; has been granted to Major L. H. Parry, M.O.A. from 9th September to 14th December, 1908;

SUB-LIEUTENANT J. B. L. Bashford has been seniority of Oct.,15, 1907, and reappointed to

r is reported that an accident occurred on the U. S. destroyer Bainbridge, during a test of speed between Cavite and Corregidor, by the explosion of a boiler tube in which one of the crew was seriously injured.

ON 27th ult. Judge Smith, of Manila, in the criminal court sentenced Tan Yao Bin imprisonment for six months and to pay a finasmuggling 150 cans of apium into the Philippines on the steamer Yuensang.

Tramway Company, detected a coolie, yesterday, leaving the power house, with two piece. of brass. The coolie, who was immediately given in charge, was sentenced to six weeks hard labour in the Police Court, to-day. COOLIE-Ling Ying-who was charged in the Police Court, last Wednesday, with steal

MR. C. C. Hill, assistant engineer of the Electric

ing \$8 worth of blotting paper from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, was discharged on I hursday, the accusation no being proved. Mr. Fung Luk Up, a shroff in the Bask, prosecuted. STEALING one catty and ten taels of Chinese medicine from a godown in Connaught Road West last Wednesday, was the charge a coolie

had to answer in the Police Court, on Thursday.

it was altered to one of unlawful possession, on

This charge, however, could not be proved, and

which count he was fined \$5-the alternative being a fortnight in gool. ACTING Collector of Customs Clifford D. Ham! at lloilo reports that the Kaifong which arrived there from Hongkong lost two of her propeller blades while going around Llorente Point at. the entrance to the harbour, it. is supposed that the propeller struck a submerged wreck lying there and the wreck will be blown up with

AT the Police Court, last Thursday, a farm labourer, by name Li Kat allas Li Loi, formerly employed on a farm at Kowloon City, was convicted on two charges. He was charged, firmly, with stealing a bamboo hat from a widow on Wednesday, and secondly, with furnishing false information, to wit, giving a false name and address to a pawnbroker while pawning a pair of trousers. On each of these charges he was given six weeks imprisonment.

improvement of the port at tioito.

A FIGHT which took place yesterday afternoon between a number of coolies and two painters, who were employed on board the steamer Nicomedia, resulted in the arrest of five coolies. It was stated that the trouble was caused one of the coolies interfering with one of painters, who pushed the man away. accused were arraigned in the Police Court, to-day, charged with assault, on which they were found guilty and ordered to pay \$5 each,

Another coolie has been arrested and charged in the Police Court, this morning (3rd inst.), with snatching an ear-pick from a woman in Des Vocix Road, yesterday afternoon. It was alleged that the accused-Chan Sam-came up from behind the woman, who was in company with a friend, and snatched the ear-pick from her hair. His efforts to elcape were unsuccessful. Chan was taken before Mr. J. R. Wood, and he was ordered to be detained in police custody until

TAKING a fancy to a pair of shoes which was exhibited on the counter of a shoemaker's shop at 233, Rollywood Road, ast Wednesday, a coolie named Chan Fu decided to put the shoes t some use. Onictly strolling up to the counter Chan annexed the pair of shoes and left th premises unnoticed-so Chan thought. loki, however, stopped Chan as he reached the door and gave him in charge. lie was brought up to the Police Court, on Thursday, and was ordered to pay a fine of \$20, or go to goal for three weeks.

THE Ray. I. Genabr begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations for the Blind home recently transferred to Hongkong on account of the typhoon :-

Total sum already acknowledged \$687 "Friends at Hok Un to whom the little band of blind children, out for their aftergoon walk, was a familiar sight " ..... 30 

Mr. A. H. Mackenzie..... Further donations for the Blindhome, sedt to the Rev. I Genahr, 22, Bonham Road, will be duly acknowledged.

CONSUL-General Wilder of Honglong is a guest of Provincial Attorney Campbell, says We are pleased to hear that a consignment of the Mindanao Herald, Colonel Sharpe pre-Australian horses is expected to arrive shortly senfed the officers of the post-to Mr. Wilder-on Giving some further particulars received for the Imperial Chinese Post Office. The Saturday evening at the Army and Navy Club. mail of the death of Mrs. Vaughen Smith, la horses are intended for the purpose of drawing. Mr. Wilder is a Yale man, class of '84, and is the mail van to and from the steamers. This well known to the newspaper world, having formerly connected with the Japan Gonette, is a step in the right direction. The ever-in- been editor of the Wisconsin State Journal, the former journal states that the discovery of creasing weight of the mail bags is becoming Madison, Wisconsin, for fourteen years pre- her dangerous, state, which led up to the too much for the China ponies, especially vious to his entering the consular service. He operation, was purely accidental, The deceased. when the weight of half a dozen cholies is ad- has won high favour in his present station at- lady called on June 9th on Dr. Mcgavin, who ded to the already overloaded van. Although Hongkong, where he is constantly in touch with had attended her late husband, and during this is not an official notification, we heard it an unusually large number of Americans from the visit be noticed she had great difficulty in from such an entirely reliable source, that we the Islands, Mr. Wilder is spending, his breathing. He asked permission to examine in the Islands. He has been to Jolo and over that an operation was urgently necessary. Mrs. the Lanao trail. He is, thoroughly delighted with his trip and thinks Mindanso the most moment, and hearing this she consented to beautiful virgin land he has ever seen, and at the two ports last year from January 1 to and three o'clock last Tuesday morning, while prophesies a wonderful fature for the Moro August 24 amounted to 612,380 bales, and for the vessel was alongside her. wharf. A robber Province under American occupation and rule. the same period this year the receipts were gained admittance into the cabin of a Chinese Mr. Wilder says that he was told by friends in Smith was in good spirits, although Dr. bales and show a total shipment of 266,902 open his trunk and removed a gold watch and search of rest and recuperation. He has found performed on Monday, June 13th, and turned bales for this year as against 254,670 bales for chain and various other articles of jewellery, this theory to be absolutely without foundation out to be more serious than at first suspected, the corresponding period of last year. The valued at \$375. The robbery was not dis- in fact, and will hereafter direct those suffer. but it was successful and hopes were entertain-

THE fourth meeting of the Hongkong Gym. THE Nanking City Railway was opened on Carrain R. A. Steel, Indian Army, has quali- IT has been decided that the treaty between Sir Robert Hart, Bart, and Lady Hart left

SEVERAL evenings ago a collision occurred at Woosung between U.S.S. Collag and the tow boat Shan Yuon. Both vessels received slight damage, the Callan about the bows and the Shun Puen on the side. The tow boat has since been docked and repaired.

A TOKIO message states that the training ship Matsushima, whose name was removed from the active list of the Navy on July 31, is now being refloated in sections. It will be remembered that the vessel was sauk by an explosion. off Formosa, heavy loss of life ensuing.

THE courser Croscent, Captain C. F. Henderson, left Portimouth on 6th ult. for the China Station, with da'ts on board for the China Squadrop, including relief craws for the despatch ship Alacrity, the sloops Cadmus and Glio, the river gunboat Kinsha, and a half crow. for the Tamar, receiving ship at Hongkong."

MESSES. Fradelle and Young, of Regent-street, have issued a large size photograph of the guests at the recont dinner given by the China. Association to Sir Robert Hart. Considering the difficulties of a picture of this sort, the result is in the main satisfactory, many of those present being very clearly delineated.

THE King has been pleased to give and grant unto Edgar, Bruce Hart, Esq., Commissioner of the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the First Class | the Peking-Hankow Railway from the Belgian of the Third Division of the Imperial Chinese Order of the Double Dragon, conferred upon out certain reforms, the Fuk en provincial him by his Imperial Majesty the Emperor of vovernment has concluded a loan of \$2,000,000 China, in recognition of valuable services with the Chiao-tung Yinhong or Bank of rendered by him."

WITH reference to a proposal for amalgamating the Whale Fishing Companies, it is stated that, whereas ten years ago there were only two whalers in Japanese seas, and their catch for the year aggregated only 20 whales, valued at Y26,000, last year the number of whalers wa thirty, and they took 1,000 whales valued at Y1,400,000. There are said to be now over twenty companies, and the competition between them is so keen that they are not only doing their best to roin each other by legitimate means, but are alleged to go so far as to rob each other by force.

SOON after daybreak last Tuesday morning thehouse with a bundle of clothing in his hand. man-Li Wo-had forced an entrance through the back door by picking the lock. In order | 21 days' imprisonment. to secure the intruder a scuffle took place, which; naturally, brought in the neighbours ABOUT nine-tenths of the shareholders in the from house No. 55, who also complained of having been robbed. While several persons soized hold of the intruder; a few others examined his bundle, which was found to contain certain clothing stolen from both houses. In the dynamite by the engineer in charge of the meantime a policeman had been tent for and Li Wo was sent to the Central Police Station, thence to the Police Court, charged with housebreaking and theft, on which charges he was sentenced to four months hard labour.

> THE Japan Herald, in a translation from Japanese journal, reports that Mr. F. H. Booth, a British visitor, who is staying at the Fujiya Hotel, Hakone(?), with his family, started on Thursday morning on a visit to the Dongo Temple, taking with him three rikishamen. After climbing Myojo-gadake, Mr. Booth tested by the roadside to take some refreshment. As he opened a bottle of ginger ale the bottle accidentally exploded, and Mr. Booth sustained rather severe injuries to his left hand. Mr. Booth, who fainted, was taken to Sekimoto on the back of a 'rikishaman and afterwards-removed to Dr. Manaka's hospital at Odawara, where he arrived at about 6.30 in the evening. Chioroform was administered and a surgical operation was performed. It is expected that Mr. Booth will be able to leave the hospital a Two recalcitrant ricksha coolies, who refused. week hence.

27th ult. from Japan and Captain H. Sellier reports meeting bad" weather at 9 a.m. on the 26th, which-developed into a tpphoon when the vessel was 200 miles from the Saddle Islands. When near the Socotra Rock the full force of the typhoon was encountered and the barometer reading was 731. At one time the glass went down there milimetres in one hour. At 6 p.m. the vessel was in the middle of the storm which continued with unabated fury until 9 p.m. when it began moderate. The typhoon first came from the N. N. E. and at 4 p.m. it was blowing from the N. N. W. The ship behaved in a splendid manner, and was well navigated and did not sustain any damage. No boats were smashed or catried away and the only thing that was l'lost was a small canvas screen on the bridge deck .- Shanghai Mercury.

CAPTAIN W. M. Stewart, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, has been appointed Deputy Assistant-Adjutant and Quartermaster-General on the staff of Major-General R. G. Broadwood, C.B., commanding the troops in South China. in succession to Major R. J. Ross, Middlesex Regiment. Captain Stewart entered the Army in 1895, and after a couple of months in th West Riding Regiment, transferred to the Queen's Own Camerons, in which he got his company in June, 1907. He was with the Camerous up the Nile in 1898, and was engaged at the battle of Atbara (Egyptian medal with clasp and British medal), and also in the South African War, in the course of which he was wounded. He shared in the operations in the Orange-Free State, the actions of Vet River and Zand River, operations in the Transyani, the actions of Johannesburg and Pretoria and numerous minor affairs in Orange River Colony and Cape Colony (mentioned in despatches, Queen's medal with six clasps).

Editor of the Peking and Tientsin Times and Vaughan Smith might have choked at any undergo the operation. On June 12th she entered the same nursing home in which her husband had been treated. Mrs. Vaughan increase in shipments to continental ports covered until about half an hour later, when ing from the heat and humidity of the Hong. led of recovery. On Tuesday, however, the done later, when ing from the heat and humidity of the Hong.

A COOLIE strolled juto Murray Barracks last Spuday afternoon and quietly appropriated an Indian syce's boots. He will regret his action for three weeks in gaol."

ENGINEER-Lieutenaut H. O. Andrews, who joins the cruiser Monmouth, has been in the engine room department for fourteen years; and served previously in Chinese water.

NINETERN prisoners, who were lying in gao! at Choul awaiting trial, made another attempt to break out of their prison on 24th ulto. Two of the prisoners were shot and one was injured.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. Ld., announces that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending August 14 amounted to 22,360,60 tons and the sales during the period to 19,010 tons.

LAST Wonday being the occasion of Her Majesty Queen. Wilhelminn's birthday, a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel by the Netherlands Consul. Among those who left cards were the A. D. C.'s to H. E. the Goverpor. H. E. Major-General Broadwood, C. B., Rear-Admiral Stokes, the consular body and a large number of private acquaintances and compatriots.

THE Peking Government is negotiating with the British and Chinese Corporation about the conclusion of a new loan for the redemption of Syndicate. Owing to lack of funds to carry Communications

THE Jive Taushin reports that Marquis Katsura expounded his views in the Cabinet Council on-August 18th, as' to the postponement of prearranged works, the curtailment of administrative expanses and the abandonment of new enterprises, except such as are made imperative by the law. His colleagues are said to have consented to this policy for the strengthening of the financial basis."

FOR being in possession of seven catties of sugar, a Chinese coolie suffired punishment at the hands of the Magistrate last Monday. He had the sugar concealed rather ingeniously up his inmates of 59, Connaught Road Central, cap- sleeve, but a policeman, suspecting that there tured a coolie who was in the act of leaving the | was something wrong, searched the man in the The street. Explanations were fruitless and the coolie was cal ed upon to pay Sto or undergo

> Chinese Telegraph Company have sold their shares to the Ministry of Posts and Comnunications at \$180 per share; so the majority of the shareholders have yielded to the pressure of the Ministry after all. After the end of the seventh moon (August 26) only \$170 will be paid for a share. After all the shares in the Company have been acquired, the Ministry will reorganize the service, which badly needs overhauling and enlargement.

THE Hankow-Daily News of 25th uit, says :-It is with regret that we have to record the death of yet another victim to the cholera scourge At 10 a.m. on Wednesday Sister of Charity Magdalena Poper, a German subject, and teacher in the Roman Catholic school was removed to the Hospital suffering from acute cholera, and, despite the best of attention. succumbed to the disease at a late hour the same night. The funeral took place in the Convent grounds at 5 p.m. yesterday. The deceased who had been in Hankow for six years had laboured in the cause of charity att that period and was much respected and be loved by her colleagues.

to accept hire when called on to do so by an army man and a lady, appeared at the Police THE M.M. str. Yarra arrived at Shanghai on. Court last Monday morning to answer for their conduct. It was alleged that the coolies in question, when hailed by Private Shepherd, of the RAMC. in Pongkong, on Sunday morning. and by Mrs. M. Mason, of g. Humphreys Avenue, Kowloon, declined to respond to their advances. Both pollers were found quilty, after evidence had been taken, and each was sentenced to pay a fine of \$5. The action of the lady and the Army man in taking the trouble to bring the matter to Court, at what must have been considerable personal inconvenience is worthy of high commendation.

THE Admiralty appounce that they have made

the following appointments: -Sub-Lieutenauts. -H. R. James, to the Cr scent, 28th July, and to the Clin, on-recommissioning, undated; I Lucas, to the Crescent, 28th August, and to the Cadaws, onirecommissiobing, undated. Chaplain .- The Rev. A. R. W. Feck, M.A., to the Charybilin, 24th July, and to the Astrais, on recommissioning, undated. Stuff Surgeons .-I. A. Forrest, M.B., to the Charybatt, and to the Astres, on recommissioning, to date 28,h July; S. Conner, M.B. to the Crescent, for the Alacrity on recommissioning. Surgeon .- J. Verdon, to the Astrata, H. M. Laugdale, to the Codmus. and F. J. Gowans, M.B., to the Olio, all additional, to date 28th / ugust, and on secommissioning, undated.: The appointment of Engineer Lieutenant H. O. Andrews to the Monmouth has been cancelled.

#### The Ships Passed Capa'.

28th July-Brasilia, Crewhall, Prometheus,

Pulermo, Hakuta Maru, Memnon, Derflinger,

Kleist. 31st July-Benlomond, Ningchow, Nore, Polynesies, Maria Richmers, Teucer. 4th August "Atles Craig, Pring. Ritel Friedeich, Glensarn, Kintuck, Benvenue, Namur, Oceano. 7th August - Goeben, Brisgavia, Calchas, Ernest Simons, Hillas, Kalsow, Kennebet, Kamakura Maru, Tydeus, Ouessant: 11th August - Austria, Monmouthshire, Muncaster. Wakasa Marui 14th August-Inverciyde, Pera, Silesia, (Gor.) 18th August -Bendoran, Bombay Maru, Caledonien, Pathan, Luisow. 21st August-Alcinous, Hitacht Maru, Villa de la Civi al, Liberia, Moyane, Prinn Ludwig. 25th August-Meinam, Socotra, Dortmund, Sado Maru. 28th August-Glenavon, Sardi. summer vacation in visiting points of interest her, and found that goltre had so developed win, Sumatra, Tourans, 1st Septembersamha, Teenhal, Ching Wo, Slam, Soyo Maru. Arrivals at Home-28th July-Prins Heinrick, Danbighshire, Tonkin. 29th July-Pobna: 31st July-Canton, Stentor. 4th August-Ceylon, Kleist, China, (Aus, Den of Airlie, Rhoin, Standia, Stikonta, Hakata Maru, Setovia. Candia. 7th August-Diomed, Po'ynesten, 10th dom have increased somewhat over 12,000 Strand-and during his absence on deck, forced these southern islands beneficial to one in success were about even. The operation was August Palermo, 11th August Alcides, 14th Wakasa Marn, Namur. 26th August-Cale houses.

WEATHER-FORECAST AND STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED PROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METROROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

· A COME.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected

indicates a Typhoon

to the North of the point apwards indicates a Typhoon 2. A CONE to the North-Bast point upwards of the Colony. and it UM below indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony. indicates a Typhoon A C NE to the Bouth-Rest point downof the Colony. wards and DRUM polow indicatesa Typhoon A CONE to the South of the point down-Colony. wards indicatesa Typhoon A COME to the South-West point downof the Colony, wards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon A BALL to the West of the Colony. ·indicates a Typhoon A CONE to the North-West point upwards and BALL mef the Colony. below.

.= Red Signals indicate that the centre i believed to be more than 300 miles away from

Black Signal. indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office :-

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS. A Black Cross will be hoisted at the sam

time, superior to the other shapes.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office. Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

11. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colomy.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red.

indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment, No. 111: Signal will be accompanied by th Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the

information conveyed by this signal being fi

published by night. These Night Signals will be substituted the Day Signals at sunset, and will, wh hecessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS. For the benefit of Native Craft and pass Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited each of the following stations during the tit that any of the above Day Signals are ho ifthe Harbour.

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Warning is hoisted in the Harbour. Further details can always be given Vessels, on demand, by signal, from

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"Fry-Chi Chak	Passion Fruit	Star Ferry Company, Limited	1 (	\$10 \$10	\$10	565,000 547,221 Tis, 140,000	\$98	{\$1.00 } for year ending 30.4.1908	{ 4 X 31 X	Sag Sag
Heart—Chi Sumeach 10	Peanuts.—Fa Sang	aku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	ono	Th. 50	TI 50	Tis, 60 ,255 Tis, 10 ,000 Tis, 1 6,000	Tls. 6,869	Final of Tis. 24 making Tis. 5 for 1907	11 %	Tis. 45 buyers
Kidneys—Chi Yiupair 10  " Liver—Chi Kon	Persimmons, Large,—Hung Chie	REFINERIES.				Tis. 17,142 J				er er
Pork, Chop-Chi Pai Kwat	Ti Paw-laweach 9 2nd cooking—Chung-tang 5	Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	,000	100	\$100	\$56,848	Dr. \$135 232	38 for year ending 3x.12.05		Sago Sag
Log-Chu Pel	Platains—Tai Chiu	ASLER. PARIAMION COMPANY	1,000		Pin. 50	1, 1,12,030	Tle, 9,173	The (8 %) for your ending 31.8.06	104	Tis, 92 sellers
Sheep's Hoad and Feet-Yeung Tau Keek	Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yaueach 14 Walnuts, Hop Tou	Mining.  Shinese Engineering and Mining Company, I d	A0,000 \	Ĺī	£ı	{	. ₹ 711,556	Interim of 1/6 (No. 10) for account 1908	71 %	Tis. 16 buyers
Heart-Young Sumeach 6  Kldneys-Young Yiu , 10	Shanghai Lo Kwat	aub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited {	(0'000	ξ1. ζ1	£1	£4.178	Dr. £2,191	12n iz of i/==48 cn15	0 10	571
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chal 22		DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.	* ~~			See Any				
Suet Beef-Sang Ngau Yau	VEGETABLES, &c.	Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited		3.5		\$53,601	53,726	\$1.75 to year anding 31.12.06	A Sun angues	S18
Veal-ligat Chai Yuk	Chi Chauk	Tongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld.,		5.0	\$	\$40,000 \$76.19	13,556	Final of \$14 making 534 for 1907		\$45 bayers
	Beans, (French) Macao-Oh Moon Più Tau Beans, (French), Shanghai-Sheung Roi	banghal Dock and Engineering Co., Ld.	15,700	3 0 1 1, 100	roc	\$10 (00C)	384 847 Tis. 33.742	[Final of Tis. 2] making in all Tis. 5 for year ending 30.4.08	6 %	Tis. 85 sellers.
POULTRY.	Pin Tau	hanghal and Hougkow Whari Company, Limited	16,000	1 3. 100	100	Tia, y5.000	Tis. 12,626	Interim of Its. 4 for account 1908		Tie. 167% buyers
Chicken—Kai Chai	Bears, Long—Tau Kok	LANDS, HOTKLE & LUILDINGS								
Ducks—Ap	Brinjals, Green-Cheng Yuen Ker	nglo-French Land Investment Co., L	·], 50/1	Th, 100 fag \$14	T.3, 100 \$35	30.000 30.000	Tis, 6,53x Dr. \$4,220 \$9,178	Tim. 6 for 1907	444	Tis. ror sales
Eggs, Hen-Kal Tanper doz. 24 Fowls, Canton-Kai	Brassica—Pak Choi	ongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ld.	· S'Ocia	150 150	100	7,000 }	\$252	Final of E32 making 574 for 1907	91 %	Sta sellers S80
Geese-Ngo	Cabbage, Red-Kai Lan Taueach — Cabbage, (Shanghai)—Yeh Choi 20	umphreys Estate & Figance Company, Limited	0,00,00	310	510	1217.101	\$36,915 \$4,621	70 cents for 1907	7 - %	Sto sellers
Geese, Wild Shanghal—Shoung Hol Ye	Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun	awloon Land and Building Company, Limited		Tia, 40	1 4. 50	Tis. 1;523;045}	Tis. 107,547	Interim of Tis. ; for account 1908		Tie. 116} buyers
Musk Door-Wong Kengeach	Cauliflower, Medium size—Cheung Yeh	est Point Building Company, Limited	2,500	450	3 :	เขละ	\$1,54X	Interim of \$2 for account 1,08	o x	\$46
Partridge—Che Khoo	Cauliflower, Small size—Sai Yeh Choi-fa — Carrots—Kam Shun 8	wo Cotton Spinning and Weaving tompany, Ld., ongkong Cotton Spinning, Waaving and Dyeing	, 5,000	Tit. 50	··. 50	Tis. 110,000 Tis. 41,0,9	119. 8,807			Tie, or sales
Pigeons, Canton Pak Kup each 25	Colory, Chineso-Tong Kan Choy 6 Colory, English-Young Kan Choi	Company, Limited	<u> </u>	fl. 75	1 h. 15	364,000	Fis. 85,519			SIX.
Quall-Um-Chun	Colery, White-Pak Young Kan Choi Chillies, Dried-Con Lat Chiu	1011-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld.	5,000	Pis: 100	Tis. 10	none	Tls, 6,303 Tls, 50,063	715:30 'or 1908		Tis, 66 soliers Tis, 85 soliers Tis, 242 isoliers
Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheukdozen — Snipe—Sa Chui each 18	Green-Cheng Lat Chiu 8 Curry Stuff, English-Ka Lee Choi Liu 8	MISCRILANEOUS.	* * * * * *		15.00	4.1500	7			
Hen- , Na n 49	Cucumbers—Cheng Kwa	hina Light and Power Company, Limited	20,000		312 312 101	125,000	Lt48 Nil	51-10 for 1907	717	
Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sui-appair  Teal, Shanghai, Sui Ap Chai	Garlic-Suen Tau	bina Provident Loan & Morigage Company, Ld.	125,000	310	, 310	\$60,000 }	125,000	Bo cants for 1907		501 buyers
Aprper pair -	Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan b.	reen Island Gement Company, Limited	400,000	574	£6.	1 (Elynon)	\$2,974 5 078	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908		\$20 \$10 ex div.
	Lettuce—Yeung Sang Choieach Water Chesauts—Ma Tai	H. Price & Company, Limited	27,000	\$20	\$10	18, 25 55, 30	\$251 8,9,7	\$2 for year ending 28.4.8	10 %	\$12 buyers
FISH.	Musk Melon.	Longkong Electric Company, Limited	6.000	\$10 [15	-1 (c) \$25	120,000	\$4,578	Interim of \$4 for account 1908	81 %	Sidi buyers
Bream—Bin Yu	Mushrooms, Fresh-Sang Cho Kho 5 Onlone, Bombay-Yeung Chung Tau	longkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ld	25,000	Ga. to	3. lis. 100	none - illa 547,500 } T = 17,503,	18,191 -Fb. 17,127	Interim of it for account 1908	51 %	\$24 sales Tie. 592 buyen
Carp—Li Yu	Green—Sang Chung	Peak Tramways Company, Limited Peak Tramways Company (new) Philippine Company, Limited	50,000	-110			\$7,471 NIL	There are no have annual Surfices.	5 4 %	\$14 \$2
Crabs—Hai	Okroes-Mo Ker	hanghal Gas Company, Limited	24,000	11 11		Tis. 190,000	Tis. 6,605	Final of Tis. 4 making Tis. 74 for 1907	61 X	Tis. 115 sales
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	Green Peas—Obeng Tau	hanghai Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	4. 654	1	£20	Tis. 25,000	T1. U 4-4		S. a division	Tis, 97% buyers Tis, 400 sales
Dace—Wong Mei Lun  Dog Fish—Tit Tu Sa  Lels, Congor—Hai Man Yu	Potatoes, Sweet—Fan Shu	touth China Morning Post, Limited	6,000 20,000		\$25 \$ 5	BOSE	Dr. \$90,23		•••	S21 buyers
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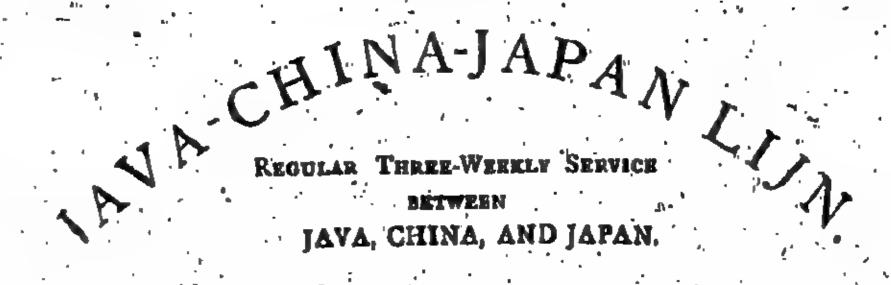
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CHITS, AND ALL ABOUT THEM.

This subject is one of the greatest importance to the wise (or otherwise) young men who come to the East, and as such should be treated with due dignity and respect. If the subject were dealt with in book form, as it deserves to be, it should have, in the first place, a magnificent title-page, bearing, a title both extensive and comprehensive, something after this style :-CHITS:

. What they are, and Why. A description of their use and abuse in the wilds of the Far East; With special réference to Clubs and other institutions

in Singapore: Being a Complete Guide as to How to Avoid also How to Reach, the Bankruptcy, Court

(By One Who Knows). "That just about shows what ground we have

When we come to grips with the question we are faced immediately with this question, Who invented monthly pay-days?

Preserving a perfectly impartial mind, we should then ask: Ought he to have a statue erected to his memory, or ought he to be treated à la Guy Fawkes? The answer will vary according to whether the individual is one who receives chits, or one who signs them. There will no doubt be many possessed of an ever-growing banking account who will rise up and say "Blessed be the inventor of chits!" And there will be others who but 'nuff said, as the poel puts it. . .

Can it be that the late lamented Sir Stamford Raffles invented Singapore and chits at the same time? It may be so. The fact may have escaped the notice of his biographers. Imagine the soul of Sir Stamford entering for a space, some suppy evening, into the bronze statue on the Plain. With folded arms he stands proudly surveying the result of his handiwork, and soliloquises thus: "Here we are. This is Singapore, This is what comes of being enterprising. Look at all that shipping, spread out miles in length. Look at this esplanade. See these young men playing cricket (nearly all of them bankrupt). Look at those fine buildings. See what the com-

up on chits !" But it cannot have been Sir S. He's got his statue, sure and sale. People only get statues. erected to their memory when everybody agrees that they deserve them; and if there had been any thought that he invented chits-and monthly pay-days-there would have been a difference of opinion-as to the statue idea. So it couldn't have been him. #

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Anyway, there we are. We have got the system, and we have got to make the worst of it—at least, that is what most of us do.

What is a chit? In plain and simple language, a chit is an ingenious and pleasantlooking contrivance for causing you to buy, absolutely against your will, a lot of things (chiefly in liquid form) that you have very little use for, that are not good for you and that you have really very little hope of ever being able to pay for.

Do you know the story of the Hebrew gentleman, who like most of all his co-religionists, was a genius at business? Speaking to one who was not of his persuasion he remarked: What astonishes me is where you Christians get all the money that we get from you!"

There is a world of truth in it; and somehow one is led to think that chits were-but no. There is no need to stir up racial animosities. over the question of who invented chits, though it is quite likely that the real and original culprit was proud of his achievement.

The chit evil is deep-teated, deep-rooted. Whether or not it was first established in the East-for it may not have been-it is very certain that the disease has spread far and wide. In point of fact, the moment you step on board the P. and O. boat at Tilbury you enter Chitland. Dinks and smokes and a lot of other things can be had through the simple medium of a little printed card, with blanks on which to-sign your name and cabin number.

Then there comes the end of the week-not month, in this instance—and you are presented with a neat bundle held together with an elastic band. On the back of the last one is an awful legend in blue-the total of your indebt

When you get over the initial shock you go on, just as bad as ever. The result is that when the boat dumps you at Teluk Blanga you are a confirmed chit signer, and Singapore is ready to receive you with open arms. Which

The disease of chit-signing is rarely found to be curable. There have been cases where strong men have tried to struggle with the fatal? habit, only to fail. There have been instances where men have, in desperation, fled from these shores to the place from whence they came, where chits are not known; but the deadly desire has seized them again, and they have hastened back, slaves to chit-itis. The sight of a chit pad lying on a hotel table has been known to throw such people into a state of frenzy. They have wept tears of joy on beholding the welcome sight once more, after an absence of years. There are only two things to be done with

the chit system. Rither it should be abolished -which is, of course, impossible—or it should be extended to all branches of commerce. Why not pay for sikisha rides by chits? Why not give tips in chits?' . Why not give chits over the counter when you buy stamps?

Do you remember the case of the lady whose banking account was overdrawn? What did she do?-Calmly wrote out a cheque for the amount! Now, chits might be used something after this fashion, ... Why not start a banking account with chits? How splendid it would be to go into a local bank and reaching for the chit pad remark to the clerk, " I want to open an account here. Stick that down to my name. "(handlog him's chit with " I O; U Isopoo" written on it.

That would be something like. When one had drawn cath for the total amount one could write out another chit. The

thing is simplicity itself li The old established chit-signer in Singapore; that is to say, the old resident, gets a great deal of fun out of watching the floundarings of the new arrival who endeavours to suit himself to the ways of the place. This for might be added to greatly if, say, once a year a special kind of tournament or competition were held. Only newcomers should be allowed to enter and the object should be to see who could run up the largest number of bills, or the largest bills, in the shortest space of time. This would provide a fine test, for the abilities of the chit-signer new to the game.

As to winning the prize I am afraid that I at any rate, shouldn't stand an "earthly." C.V. H. in Singapore Free Press,

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THEOPHONES WITHOUT WINKS. SUCCHSSFUL EXPERIMENTS

Would it surprise you it, on saying aloud that you wondered what a friend thousands o miles away was doing, he answered back and immediately set your curiosity at rest? ----

This is not by any means an impossible happening of the future. Recent progress in wireless telephony has been so rapid that already much may be done which quite a short time ago was looked upon by scientific men as beyand the bounds of possibility.

Ayrton, in discussing the future of wireless telephony, said: "The day will come when c pper wires, gutta-ne cha covers, and iron binds are only to be found in museums to when a person who wishes to speak to a friend, but dues not know where he is, will call with an electrical voice, which will be heard only by him who has a similarly tuned electrical ear the will cry. "Where are you?", and the answer will found in his ear, 'I am in the depth of a mine, on the summit of the Andes; or on the broad ocean. Or perhaps no voice will teply and he will know that his friend is dead."

That the wireless telephone is, alrea y in a state suitable for application to commercial work may be gathered from the success of the experiments carried out a few days, ago on Birnes Common, when Dr. Manders' and Mr. Sharman spoke distinctly and with the utmost facility over a distance of a third of a mile Their system is based like all modern-systemson the use of continuous electrical oscillations, and they employ a new and simplified form of are lamp.

ITS SPECIAL USEFULNESS.

The Zenal system, as it is termed, is not so complicated; but it could be utilised, in a large factory, warehouse, or business house for purposes of speaking between different buildings while for harbour work in shipping or military purposes its application could be immensely serviceable.

An interesting point in connection with these and similar wireless telephone installations is that, elthough the receiver must be "tuned" to catch the sounds transmitted, it frequently intercepts wireless telegraphic messages in perfectly guileless manner. The tappings of the florse code are, in fact, an lible through the effect of the electrical waves on the tolephone cohearer; telephonic reception of wireless felegraphic me-suges has indeed been very largely used in recent times, as it is easier to catch the sounds which represent "dots and dashes," than to record the latter in the original way.

The wireless telephone acceiver, if provided -with sufficient regulating arrangement for tuning, could thus be put to a double purpose, which might prove very useful in time of war.

Herr Wirth has fait demonstrated at Nuernberg how one could, by-his remarkable invention, accomplish the steering, of dirigible baltoons by wireless means. It is equally, within the bounds of possibility to equip military airships, with wireless telephones; day by day the weight of the apparatus-that vital factor-is being diminished, and who can tell how soon it will be made sufficiently light to render possible telephonic communication with those who navigate the sky?

TESTS BETWEEN BATTLISHIPS.

One great value of wireless telephony lies in the lact that an inexperienced man can talk by telephone, while a trained operator is required for any form of telegraphic work. Only recently twenty-eight sets of wireless tele. phone apparatus were or 'ered by the United Ba'es Government, and teils were carried out between the burleships Connecticut and Virginin, the distances varying between ten and twenty-five miles. Every word spoken was distinctly satisfactory. The enterprise of the Unite : States Government was thus as success. ful as it was legitimate.

.One of the most up-to-date wireless stations is at the Technical-High-School-of-Charlottenburg, and experiments were recently carried out there with a portable military station fixed thirty kilometres away \_ Maste were used- in each station about six y feet in Reight, and the trangenussion of speech was so perfect that it wis diot even necessary to hold the receiver GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, close to the ear.

Practically the whole of the recent advance made has been founded, on the discovery of a method of producing very rapid electricaloscillations. The electric arc lamp is employed for the purpose, and it is interesting to note with what extraordinary properties this modern In Bage of 150 lbs. net \$8.45 per Bag illuminant is endowed. Simon discovered that by having a microphone attached in a special way to the dynamo which generates the electricity for running an arc lamp it is possible to make the lamp, while burning, repeat every. word or sound spoken into the telephone. Au actual "are tamp concert" was given at Frankfort, at which the arc was made to speak and sing almost like a human being.

It was due to Duddell, three years later, however, that the present system was inaugurated, for he discovered that the arc lamp could be employed to transform an ordinary electric, current into one which supplied electrical oscillations of many thousand per second, such as were essential to the successful wireless transmission of speech. Poulsen, the Danish physicist, made pytraordingry progress with the system, and by making the arcibum in an atmosphere of hydrogen, and using specially cooled elements be found it possible to generate a current of electricity sending off waves half a million to the second.

. THE SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION ....

The simplest explanation of the method of transmitting speech is as follows :- These exceedingly rapid waves are generated at the sending station, and the sound waves formed in speaking are utilised so to modify them that they carry the sound impression with them. The waves are sent off by means of an agrial, or mast, and thus speech is transmitted in the form of electrical waves to anyone, who is waiting to receive it. The receiving station is fitted with an aorial, which collects the (4) waves, and these are made to actuate the

extpiece of a telephone: Both sending and receiving station can be "turned," in the manner already adopted in wireless telegraphy, so that only the person to whom the massage is addressed can receive it. This is, of course, a matter of vital importance, in warfare, and at present the most likely applications of speech without /wires will be to naval and army work and shipping.

Asked as to the likelihood of wireless telephony being adopted by the Post Office, a prominent official told me that it was sure to be used at some future time for special work, though for the ordinary telephonic business it could never replace the present system, in which two wires are used, insulated from one apother. But more than one partable wireless telephone is on the eve of introduction, which will prove invaluable in fictories, hospitals, and large business houses where speech can be transmitted with the utmos readmess lover a distance of five hundred yards or more. Even in this compact little apparatus the speaker has the power to tune his electrical voice for any particut it pers n. so that while everyone is ready to sective a wirele a order from the "head," the latter individual will just speak with whom he

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General Managers. Hangkong 1st September, 1908.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

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> DAVID WOOD, Acting Honorary Secretary.

Hangkong, and September, 1908,

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BIRTHS.

On August 30, 1908, at Shanghai, the wife of J. P. ROCHE, of a daughter. On August 31, 1908, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. WYNYARD BROOKE, a daughter:

At the Government Civil Hospital, on the 3rd inst., CARL LESLIE HACK, late of the China Imperial Maritime Customs, aged 31, years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 9 o'clock to morrow morning. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. At the Government Civil Hospital, on the

."DEATHS,

third son of James Taylor, farmer, East Thuederton, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, N.B., aged 24 years. Deeply regretted. On August 29, 1903, at Shanghai, LAURA WINNIFRED CLARK, aged I year and 9 months.

3rd inst., Police Constable WILLIAM TAYLOR,

Beloved daughter of James and Ida Clark, I. M. Customs. On August 30, 1908, at Shanghai, Captain DANIEL A. MACDONNELL, Pilot, aged 48

(he Mongkong Gelegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1908.

THE MATERIAL PROGRESS OF CHINA.

In an interesting article which appears in a pushed forward with all speed now that His Ex-Northern contemporary reference is made to cellency Chang Chih tung has been appointed the progress of Chine, particularly in the chief organiser of the undertaking. In the adoption and development of Western ideas. not merely in one direction but all round. It is only a few years ago since the. Chinese retention of things which should be abandoned Army was little better than a rabble of undis- on the ground that it is our old national custom. ciplined recruits, who could barely be depended upon in serious crises. Viceroy Yuan Shih. Justified because it is the custom of foreign ing on her voyage outside Yokohama yesterkai changed it absolutely into the semblance countries. Neither of these excuses can be day afternoon, anouthreak offire was discovered at least of a fighting factor when he reorganised | considered justifiable. Both new and old the Northern Army and gave it a status even should be subjected to the searching inquiry as In the eyes, of the foreign military attaches to whether it accords with a fixed governmental whom he invited to view the manoguvres. In policy which has been carefully planned. The

lost and it is matter of general knowledge that Government at the present time is the formthe two Kwang Provinces have a serviceable ulating of this general plan in which old body of tropps to carry into effect the will of the and new can assume their proper positions." authorities. With regard to the Navy, of which | While that is correct to a certain extent it par-Admiral Li Chuo is the Commander-in-Chief in these waters, evidences are not wanting that there is a real and urgent desire to see it reconstituted, so that it may be something more than a mere name. The visit of Admiral Sir Aithur Moore to the Viceroy of Canton last year undoubtedly had a stimulating effect in opening the authorities' vision to the necessity of having an effective paval arm if the West River was to be. adequately policed. And the fact that the local Dock Company was entrusted with the work of constructing patrol gunboals may be taken as proof that Canton, at all events, is sincere in her desire to perform those duties for the protection of the lives and property of her subjects as well as of foreigners, which properly fall within her province. Even if it were not that the cause of humanity demanded the rigid pairolling of the Southern Waterways, it was essectial in the loterests of her own amour prepre that steps should be taken to reduce the frequent and sanguinary piracies which occurred unless she was content to see the important rivers patrolled by foreign mentof-war. Whetherthe object of the Provincial Government wil be attained remains to be seen, although recent reports regarding the work of pirates on the West River are far from satisfactory. Continuing its enumeration of several of the chief features which mark the advance in Chinese official opinion our contemporary remarks that the Board of Education has been active i promoting all kinds of schools among the people. The Board of Commerce has made a beginning in investigating the trade conditions throughout the country and in promoting industrial undertakings. The Board of Revenue has been taking recent steps to organize a new uniform system of currency, and to bring the expenditure of the Provinces under a common system. The Board of Posts and " night birds" were nearly always aware of Communications is continuing to carry out

the policy of railway and telegraph excession

The Customs Bureau has started a school for

the training of men for this branch of service,

and it has also greatly extended the postal

Leilities. Viceroys and Governors throughout

the Empire have all undertaken new jenter-

prises looking towards reform. There is not.

single branch of the Government service into

which change and reform have not been in

troduced. And after recording these facts the re-

cording writer asks: "Why then does progress

lag, and why is there such a passimistic feeling-

China?" The reason alleged is that no fixed.

his been adopted, but no definite purpose-

governmental system of China to the chang

conditions of modern life. What is need

ed, we are told, is the decision to adopt

a programme for uniform and steady read-

justment of the whole system of govern-

ment-executive, legislative and judicial. This

would ensure the harmonious working of each

new project with what has gone before; as well

as with what its to follow. There need be no

breaking with the valuable methods of the

past ; neither should there be any retaining of

old customs simply because they are old. New

and old must be brought together to work

under a uniform system towards a well definéd

result. There is much truth in these remarks;

but the writer whuld seem to have formed the

idea that the great Empire of China can be

regenerated in a day. When we regard the

progress that has been achieved even within'

the last five years and observe the news

national spirit which has sprung up and

animates the people, the fact has to b

admitted that Ching as a whole has marvel-

lously advanced, particularly in the Southern

Provinces, where the people are far more keen-

witted and self-reliant than their neighbours in

the North. It is easy to make comparison

with Japan as to the rate of progress but Japan

took her half-century to develop while China

is only at the beginning of her modern history.

By strenuous efforts China is covering her vast

territory with a network of railways which are

bring her people into closer communication

proceeding with the work of building, the line

between Canton and Hankow, but there seems

to be reason to believe that operations will be

article to which we have referred it is said that

"At present, many excuses are offered for the

When anything new is mooted, it is often

that there has been lamentable dilatoriness

among so many of the leading men"

takes of the nature of a half-truth. It cannot be gainsaid for a single moment that China, and baturally we-rater to the South in particular, is fast discarding old ideas and assimilating the commercial wisdom of the West. The people themselves are now capable of combination, and powerful combination, to achieve a certain purpose, and there is less internecine strile than ever before. That in itself is an evidence of the advanced views held by the intelligent section of the Chinese, and it is through their actions and following the principles enunciated by them that the mass of the. people will be influenced and guided. If Rome was not built in a day how can it be expected that China can emerge from her shell in decade, unless the accompaniment of a social cataclysm was contemplated? LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE French Mail of the 4th August was delivered in London on the 3rd inst...

A DISPATCH from Peking reports that the new Russian Minister was expected to arrive there on the 30th ultimo.

One sergeant, Army Ordnance Corps. wifeand child, arrived in the Command for duty on and instant from Colombo per s s. Denanha,

With reference to recently current rumours the N. C. D. News understands that legal proceedings will shortly be instituted in the matter of the charges that have been publicly made against his Bonour Judge Wilfley.

IT has been known to the police for some time past that the loafers of the city were in the habit of making Blake Garden their sleeping grounds, but they could do nothing, as the their:approach and, of course, made themselves scarce. At about three o'clock this morning, Policeman Elridge, having got the "tip" paid a visit to the gardens and arrested five men. who were found fast asleep on the seats, or or the grass. .. The accused were each fined \$: when brought before Mr. J. B. Kemp to-day.

THE following notice to mariners has been issuedat Shanghai: - Yangtze River-Confuciu Channel-alteration in buoyage:-Notice hereby given that the following changes in the positions of buoys marking the Confucius Channel have been made: -South-east Spi Buoy (gas-lighted) is now moored in 36 feet at low water of spring tides. From the Buoy, South-west Beacon bears N. 23° E., distant 3.9 miles. Actaon Buoy is now moored in 60 feet policy of introducing reforms has been ad speed of water at low water of spring tides. From the by the Central Government. As occasions Buoy, South-west Beacon bears S. 83" E., distant 5.7 miles. All bearings given are magnetic.

> In the Supreme Court, this morning, Mr. Justice 1 Gompertz presiding, three claims were brought against the Imperial Brewing Company, boilers are all ready to be fitted into the hull Wong-nei-chong Road. Judgment in each claim was entered for the plaintiffs. The first action was brought by Mr. A. F. Weis, the brewer, for \$400 for wages. The two other items were brought by Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Company to recover \$265.53 and by Mesara, Mayasaki and Company for \$145, being for goods sold and delivered. Mr. E. Davidson, Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, who appeared for the Brewing Cympany, consented to judgment. He asked for a stay of execution until liquidation proceedings were begun. This was granted.

A LADY'S PREDICAMENT.

HER RICKSHA STRUCK BY A TRAM ON THE PRAYA MAST.

Mrs. Cecilia Cooper, a young woman who Best shot P. O. McGuiness 10 " resides at 2, Observation Place, related to Mr. J. H. Kemp, in the Police Court; to-day, a most painful adventure which she underwent on the Praya East yesterday. As evidence Mrs. Cooper akowed a couple of bruises on her face, and Twelve 6" guns ................. 85 rounds 55 bits. informed the Coprt that she had also received several cuts about the leg. In the dock were two ricksha coolies, whom Mrs. Cooper accused of being responsible for her injuries, by their

negligence. "Lengaged a ricksha in town yesterday to return home," the complainant said. "While going along the Praya East I called the coolin's attention to the fact that a tram; ar was coming | Best shot, Lead, Beaman up from behind, but he paid no attention. Again I told him to move off the lines, but bound to revolutionise the face of the country; still no notice was paid, natil, finally, when he started to move he could not get away in time. and develop her natural resources. It is true | owing to the presence of the second defendant's ricksha, which was on the wrong side of the road." The tram struck her ricksha and overturned it, throwing her on the road, and causing her the injuries, already mentioned.

His Worship found that there was negligence shown, and ordered each coolie to pay complainant \$15 compensation.

THE "TENYO MARU" ON FIRE.

RESULT OF HARBOUR REGULATIONS.

Tokio, August 31. As the T. K. K. S. Tenyo Mars was proceedin her forward stoke-hold. The outbreak was the result of the Yokobama harbour regulations which forbid the discharge of oily, water.

The damage done was slight. Repairs are completed and the Terry Maru left for Ban. South China, that example was by no means | most present of all tasks before the Central, Francisco this alternoon, -. IV. C.D. Reye,

S.S. "SORSOGON" SOLD.

PURCHASED BY A FRENCH FIRM. The s.s. Sorsofon, which, as we have stated on previous occasions, is a valuable floating asset of the flongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ld., has been sold. Negotiations for the sale and purchase of the handy-sized westel were, of necessity, conducted with due regard to secrecy, and it was not until late yesterday afternoon that we came by sufficient reliable information to warrant our approaching representatives of the Dock Co. to speak to the authenticity of the report for publication."

For some time past inquiries from several quarters were made for the purchase of the Sorrogen; these from the Philippines being the most persistent and approximating nearest the vendors' idea of the steamer's value. She was a Philippine vessel and, is admirably adapted for the inter-island trade. ....

Chinese interested in the shipping trade have also cast an eye on the Sorsogon, but as they would not go beyond a certain figure they have been forestalled in her purchase by a local firm of ship-brokers acting under instructions from a Frenchlfirm of ship agents. We understand that when the steamer is relitted she will be employed on the Southern coastal trade for which she is eminently suited in size, tonnage and draft.

On the occasion of our reporter's visit to the

he n ade reference to the s.s. Seree, on in these

terms: "Shored up against the side of the stone pier lies the hull of the erstwhile Manila interisland trader s.s. Sorzogon, which went down of the Dock quay on the 18th September, 1906. It will be remembered that she was refloated and subsequently sold to the Dock Company which has in her a convertible asset as soon as the much looked for revival in the shipping

trade becomes, an accomplished fact." The prescience of the remark did not take long to assert itself, for within a month of the publication of the paragraph we are now At the time of her foundering two years ago, interrupt him. the Sornogon was completing extensive repairs in Kowloon, and was ready to receive her new boilers when she was struck by the typhoon

and sank in deep water under the sheer-legs. The story of the operations attending the refloating of the vessel presented many interesting features, as it will be recalled how the Admitalty, desirous of giving the Naval divers practical test in work under water, actually lent that had been given already. their men to assist the Dock staff in the operations. Then the dredger Coulon River .was also employed in a novel duty for a vessel of her type, for she was used by the salving party as a sort of auxiliary vessel wherefrom the divers carried out their ardgous task. When the Shringon was refloated it was found that she

sustained comparatively little damage. She was abandoned to the underwriters and sold by Messrs, Jorga and Co., who were the Hongkong agents for the Manila owners, to the Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co. for the sum of \$4,000, exclusive of the cost of the new boilers. Now that the Sorsogon has been sold work has already been taken in hand for refitting the vessel according to specifications answering to the requirements of the special trade in which she will be employed. is not expected, that the overhauling the vestel will be a work of any considerable

time, having regard to the fact that the new as soon as she is launched. The figure mentioned to our representative as the purchase price of the Sormgon' ready, for sea should leave a fair margin of profit to the vendors. At the same time it is considerably under anything the vessel could be bought for in the home market with the present rate of

THE CHINA SQUADRON. ..

silver exchange. -

Weihaiwei, August 2B. The past week has been a busy one with the Fleet, as each ship has completed her Heavy Gun Layers' Tests, and has filled up with coal

in readiness for the northern cruise. The Kant carried out her. H .- G .- L .- Fest an . Thursday. Her record is as follows; Twelve 6" Guns ...... 101 rounds 63 hits.

Average per gun .. . ..... 8.4 ", 5:25" The Monmouth was to have fired on Friday.

but, owing to the squally-weather and heavy sea, it was postponed till Monday when she completed her H. G. L. Test as follows :-

Best shot P. D. Pike ..... 9 On Tuesday H.M.S. Bellomart carried both her Heavy and Light Q. F. Gun Layers

H. G. L. Test 4"...... 13 rounds 7 bits. Best shot P. O. Strange..... Light Q. F. 12 Pr. ..... 31 " 14

During the week the Royal Marines have carried out their annual contest for the Royal Marine Jewel and also Royal Marine Officers Cup (Team). The first ten in the Jewel Competition were:-

Patker ...... 9 . n

1. Capt. Fletcher ...... H.M.S. Monmouth ... 88 2. Gor. Blackman..... a Lieut Knight ..... 4. Ptd. Thorno 5, Maj. Garrett ..... 6. Pto. Richmond ..... 7. " Harmsworth ... 8. L. Cpi, Flee(wood , Tamar ..........80 

10. Sgt. Lamberton ... , King Alfred ... 79 Royal Marine Officers Cup (Team.). Winnersof Cup H.M.S. King Alfred 65 points

Winner of \$12 ... H.M.S. Bedford "...55. " (H.M.S. Monmonth) \$8 \ H.M.B. Bedford (and team)"

(H.M.S.King Alfred) (and team): 53

The Afacrity, flying the flig of the Commander-in-Chief, returned from a shooting-trip io Shanbalkuan on Thursday evening .- N. C.

MUTION FOR JODGMBNT,

INTERESTING ARGUMENT IN COURT.

On the 24th. August, the Chief Justice, readers will remember, gave his decision in the action brought by the Hip On Insurance Exchange and Loan Company, Limited, and the Hongkong and Manila Yuen Shong Exchange and Trading Company, Limited, against the two sons of Mr. Li Sing-Li Po-Yung, and Li Po Kam-is which they sought to claim \$11,524.94 which had been paid into-Court in connection with certain property. Judgment was entered for Li Po Yung and Li

Po Kam on the claim with costs, and in favour of Li Po Yung with costs on the counter-claim. and formal judgment was entered. In delicering judgment. his Lordship said:-"What the form of the order will be must he argued, as it may become a very complicated matter. The question of redemption of the Hongkong Fire Company's mortgage was much insisted on. I am not sure that it by the company, who may be willing to have it transferred to the new owners. But this in turn depends, on many, other considerations. When the parties are ready, the form of the order can be made the subject of a special motion for judgment.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., who appeared for Kowloon yards, after the typhoon, last month, the Hip On and the other company (the unsuccessful parties) moved in the Supreme leagth. His next step was to read bits of evidto leave out important parts.

but Mr. Slade called his friend to attentionagain, whereupon senior Counsel retorted that he was conducting his own case; that he was not leaving out any important points, and that

Mr. Slade returned that he did not think it was discourteous to interrupt when his friend was reading parts here and there and omitting parts which were important.

Mr. Pollock-II my friend would leave me to conduct my own case-

The Chief Justice put a temporary stop to the "breeze" by reminding Mr. Pollock that Mr. Pollock-That is the motion I am mak-

The Chief Justice asked how he could draw up an order when he had already given judg

ment. He thought Mr. Pollock out of order. Mr. Pollock said that the judgment on th face of it was purely inconsistent. The Chief Justice-You ought to have

brought the motion for an order. Mr. Pollock was understood to say that the judgment was given on the question of costs. The Chief Justice-I think you are wrong.

Mr. Pollock-I would like to know what your Lordship think is right. The Chief Justice-I think you are out of

Mr. Slade argued that his friend having released one of the defendants, having refused to prosecute him, he now wanted to "skin" the other defendant, whom they wanted to pay twice over. .

his decision on the point,

ALLEGED COUNTERHEITER IN CUSTODY.

ACCUSED OF SWINDLING A SHOP ACCOUNTANT.

A Chinaman, well dressed, and having the appearance of a shop foki, was given in custody of the police yesterday afternoon by the accountant of a firm at 1457 Bouham-Strand, on a charge of swindling. That charge was interpreted by the police as passing counterfeit coins.

It was alleged by the shop accountant that the coolie called-at his business house-yesterday under the pretext of making, a purchase. He paid for the article hawanted with a dollar note, received his change, and proceeded to leave the premises. When he reached the door, however, he did not like the article he had purchased, and returning to the accountant placed the parcel, together with the change, on the counter, and demanded back his dollar bill. alleging that he had paid twice too, much for the stuff To avoid any trouble the bill was returned, and the coolie left. A few minutes later, the accountant discovered that the money he had received from the coolie was counterfeit-The alarm was given, and a number of fokis went in search of the man, whom they found standing at the corner of the street. He was at once seized. The choic, who gave the name of Fook Sam, was charged in the Police Court, to-day, with the offcoce. He was remanded. bail being allowed in the sum of \$200.

CRICKET.

The Cricket Season in Kowloon will open King Alfred ... 83 to-morrow when a friendly match will be play-King' Alfred ... 82 C. C. commencing at 3.30. The following will 82 represent Kowloon:-C. E. Libeaud, J. P. Robinson, W. Edwards, C. Jeffries, H. Dews- hold. 51 | bury, J. Clelland, W. J. Edwards, J. W. Lander, H. C. Clements, S. Gregory, and J. H. Mead

The following teams will most in a practice game on the H K. C. Club's ground to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 2 p.m.:- Capt. H. M. Beasley, R.a., Messrs, C. T. Beath, A. A. Claxton, J. H. Chalmers, W. Edwards, Corpl. Gooding, 3rd Mid., J.t. G. R. Home, 3rd Mid., Messre, H. Hancock, H. R. Makin, T. E. Pearce, and E. B. Reed., Against :- Mesers. one of the cooling interfering with A.C. Brawn, R. W. Day, R. A. Fowler, R. painters, who pushed the man Hancock, E. H. Hinds, A. E. Lanning, H. C. accused were arraigned in the Leith, Capt. Oliver, and Mid. Messes. A. W. J. to-day, charged with atsault of Peaks, F. H. H. Stevens, and W. C. D. Turner. I were found guilty and ordered to

Parliament for Uhina.

THE IMPERIAL DEGREE!

TO PREPARE FOR THE CONSTITUTION.

Peking, August 37. Decree of H. I. M. the Emperor, in compliance with the Command of the Empress: Downgor, acknowledging the receipt of a code. of Constitutional. Laws drafted by the Hsionchen Pien-ch'a-kuan (Department for the Investigation of the principles of Constitutional Government) The Laws are very complete and are in accordance with the requirements of the subject. The lines of duty incumbent on all, high and low, are clearly laid down in these

The department has also submitted to the

Throne constitutional schemes that should be carried into effect before the opening of a Parliament. It is certain that before constitutional government can satisfy, or have any will arise : it depends on the attitude taken up | effect upon the nation, drastic measures must, be taken to reform the Empire thoroughly. We, therefore, hereby order the Department to. promulgate the said constitutional reform schemes smoog the Heads of the various Yamens in the Capital, the Viceroys and Governors of provinces and their subordinates. The officials are to carry these schemes into effect within their respective jurisdictions and to report to the Throne every six months upon Court, this foreboon, that judgment be entered what they have done in the preceding months. in his favour. Counsel proceeded to argue at The said Department is to see that all officials whether within the Capital or without ence from documents which were before him. | carry out these schemes properly. Should any when Mr. Slade interrupted, and called upon officials be found disobeying Our Commands" Mr. Pollock to read the whole:thing, and not they will be punished severely and without leniency. Let it be understood that We will. Mr. Pollock proceeded, unheeding the check, not telerate for a moment any delinquency on the part of the officials. Under the difficult crisis through which the country is passing it should be the clear duty of every official to exert himself to assist. Us in reforming the in a position to report the sale of the vessel. he thought it very discourteous of his friend to Empire. Let it be made known that nine years are given as the limit of time for carrying out these reform schemes. The Constitutional Laws will then be definitely decided upon by Us and the date for the opening of the Parliament will also be announced by that time.

The metropolitan and provincial officials are are also commanded to lose no time in diffusing the knowledge of local self-government among the people, so as to enable them to govern the country in future.

Proper care must be taken to prevent the evil work and insidious rumours which bad characters are constantly seeking to spread about, is order to disturb the peace and to cause trouble. We look to the officials of the Empire to put forth their whole hearts in carrying through these reforms, so that the State may become stronger and stronger.' Let these Our Commands be made known to every one in the Empire.

(1) Hail Chien is appointed Director of the

··· August 28.

High Court of Investigation in the Capital. (2) Haü Haü is appointed Judge of the Peking Common Law Court.

August 29.

(1) Wuang Ta-hsi (who is at present in England studying the Government and Constitution of that country) is appointed Senior Vica-'President of the Ministry of Posts and Com-After further discussion his Lordship reserved munications. Pending Wuang's arrival in Peking, Wu Yü-shen (one of the two Directors of the Peking Granaries) is to act for bim ad interim in addition to his (Wu's) usual duties.

(2) Lin Shao-nien (Governor of Honan) is appointed a Director of the Peking Granaries. and Wu Ch'ung hel is appointed Governor of Honan, Pending Wu's arrival in Kaifeng (capital of Honan) Chu Shou yung is to act in his stead for the time being.

(3) Shen Tseng-chih is appointed Acting Governor of Aphui.

(4) Mao Ching fau is appointed Provincial Treasurer of Kiangsu and Fan Kung-hau is appointed Superintendent of Education for

CONST. TUTIONAL REPORM SCHEMES. The following are some of the constitutional reform schemes that are to be carried into effect within the pext nine years.

1st year. To establish provincial assemblies. To promulgate local self-government regulations.. To adjust financial matters, To revise the laws governing Manchus in order to do away with the evils of racial jealousy. To take a census of the people. . and year. - To promulgate laws regulating

the election of the members of Provincia Assemblies. To promulgate the regulations the Treel Coyuan (Imperial Assembly) laws regulating the election of its member To find out the annual amount of the expen ture and income of the Empire. To deal methods of judicial procedure. 3rd year .- To convene the Trechenypan promulgate the new criminal code of laws.

promulgate regulations for the reorganiza of the official system. 4th year .- To promulgate Common L. Sth year - To promulgate duty iegula 6th year.—To promulgate rules of ja

7th year .-- To draw up a Budget: 8th year. To fix the amount of mon quired for the expenses of the Imperial L

oth year. - To promulgate Constitution To publish institutes of the Imperia hold. To promulgate laws regular

mentary election. A FIGHT which took place yesters

between a number of coolies and two who were employed on board like Nicomedia, resulted in the arrest of Ha It was stated that the trouble wat

#### Telegrants.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

SERIOUS AFFRAY'IN SHANGHAI.

FOREIGN CONSTABLES WOUNDED

[ From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 4th September. Another serious affray occurre here list night between Japanese

Members of the Municipal police who proceeded to suppress the street brawl were set upon by the sailors. In the melee two foreign con-

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COM-MISSIONER.

stables were wounded.

TAGTAL WEN'S SUCCESSOR APPOINTED.

By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd September.

The Imperial Government has decided to appoint an official in Canton for transacting business have ing relations with-foreigners.

Government recommend that the appointment be offered to Im Ku.

[Acting upon the suggestion of the authorities in Peking, Viceroy Chang of Canton has telegraphed to Im Ku to proceed South to as sume the duties of the office in succession to Taotai Wen Tsuog Yao, This appointment does not, however, dispose of Mr. Fung Wa chun's candidature for office in the Foreign Affeirs Bureau as reported in our columns last week. We understand that Mr. Fung has active supporters in Canton for his selection to the Foreign Bure in and his chances are as good as those of any of his opponen's for the assistantship to the Foreign Commissioner .-Ed., H.K.T.]

CAPITAL OF KWANGSI. NANNING PROPOSAL REVIVED.

[By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd September. The Imperial Government con-

template the transfer of the seat of Government in Kwangsi province from Kweilin to Nanning.

Telegraphic instructions have been despatched to Viceroy Chang to-report on, the advisability or otherwise of the proposed change.

Meulers

Morocco.

LONDON, and September, Germany has informed the signatories to the Algerias Convention that she considers the speedy recognition of Mulai Hafid as Sultan as being best for the pacification of Morocco.

. The French press regards the return of the German Consul to Fez as an unfriendly and aggressive act. . . .

Mulai Hafid has been enthusiastically proclaimed Sultan at Ujda.

The French authorities remained neutral.

The Gale in Great Britain.

The gale in Great Britain reached a velocity of seventy miles an hour; and did great damage to crops and property. Telegraphic communication with the Con-

ment is still interrupted, and intending pannel passengers have been warned not

The U. S. Elections.

the Republicans have won the State tions at Vermont by a majority of 28,000, mallest of any Presidential year since

Vermont result has hitherto invariindicated the trend of the Presidential

BB. TOKIO BXHIBITION.

MDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE

Tokio, August 31. ers protest against the postpone-

resciusiment.

POLICE OFFICER'S UNTIMELY

SUDDEN DEATH DUE TO SUNSTROKE.

Torough the death of Police Constable William Taylor, which took place in the Government Civil Hospital, some time last night the Police t'orce of Hongkong has lost a most primising officer, and its members a

staunch friend. The circumstances surrounding the death, of this popular officer are most pathetic. Police Constable Taylor had been stationed at No. 6 Police Station, the Peak, for some time, and on the lat instant was transferred to head. quarters. Shortly after ten o'clock yesterday morning .P. C. Taylor was sent out on special duty at the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's whatf. He appeared to be in his usual spirits, and no complaint had he been heard to make. He remained on duty at the wharf until about noon. On his way to the Contral Station he called in at the Fire Brigade Station to consult a brother officer about a hunting expedition' which was to have been held shortly. P. C. Taylor sat on his friend's bed, while the friend busied himself about the room, listening to what was being

said. Suddenly Taylor stopped speaking, and he was seen to fall back on the bed and then a second or so later he rolled to the floor. He was picked up by his-friend-and-replaced on the bed and on this occasion he was seized by a violent fit of vomiting, from which he soon recovered. For a while he seemed better and complained of feeling bad about the head. glass of soda water was handed him, but he did not have the time to drink much of it when he was seized with an attack again, and corlapsed. Hurriedly, an' ambulance was called and the unfortunate man conveyed to hospital. He became unconscious during the night, and died, as already stated, before mideight. Death was due to sunstroke.

. The deceased was quite a young man, being twenty-four years of age. came to Hongkong two years ago to join the local force, having been drafted from the Aberdeen-Police. Prior to this deceased was with his father in a dairy farm at Peterhead, Abordeenshire. He was a native of East Thunderton, Peterhead, N.B., and his sudden demise will come as a shock to many, owing to the man's sterling qualities and the esteem in which he was held by all who knew him, He leaves his parents in the Homeland, and a brother-P.C. 94 A. K. Taylor-who is also a

member of the local force - to mourn his loss, The funeral took place this afternoon under Masonic rites and the cortege was followed by a squad of police officers and many civilians;

THE STATUS OF LEACHERS IN CHINA.

PREVENTION OF DISPUTES BETWEEN " CHINESE AND FOREIGNERS.

For the purpose of preventing disputes between the Chinese authorities and foreigners employed as teachers and instructors by the Provincial Governments, the Ministry of Education has drawa up some new rules, which have been sanctioned by the Empress Dowager for the control of foreign teachers in China The following are the most important points:-

1.-Without the sanction of this Ministry. no foreign subjects can be employed to act asteachers in any of the modern schools or colleges. In the case of military instructors or advisers, the permission of the Ministry of War is necessary in addition to the sanction of this

Ministry. 2.- Foreign teachers or instructors should -not-interest-themselves-in-litigation-between-Chinese and foreigners, or in any affairs outside their educational duties.

3 .- The salaties of teachers and instructors shall be paid either in Chinese Government dollars coined in the central mint of the Ministry of Finance at Tientsin or any other Chinese of ample size to handle the business. They will silver coin regardless of the currency of any not carry passengers.

. 4. - Foreign-teachers-or-instructors-cannotleave their schools or colleges or resign unless three months' notice is given beforehand. In case of sickness of more than fifteen days, they must | find suitable substitutes whose pay, etc., must be settled privately. sick teachers or instructors cannot find suit able substitutes, then the director of the schools or colleges must do so and during the period, one-half of the sick teachers' pay wil be deducted to pay substitutes.

5.-Foreign teachers must obey the instructions of the director and the head-master with regard to educational affairs.

6.-In order to secure the services of capable men Viceroys and Governors and other high authorities must not employ any foreign teachers or instructors without strong recommendiftions.

7 .- Foreign teachers must only be entrusted with the teaching of civil and military subjects; care must be taken that their influence in other matters is not allowed to be felt.

8.- Upon satisfactory conclusion of their agreements the Chinese Government, in addition to the usual passage money, will give the teachers or instructors three months' extra pay. Copies of the above new rules have been sent to the various Provincial Governments, including Manchuria and Mongolia, by H.E. Chang Chih-tung; Compiroller-General of the Ministry of Education, and they are already in force.-N. C. D. News. ...

ANOTHER ricksha coolie-making about the the Tokin Exhibition. But other twentieth in a formight-was prosecuted in the sea in it a significant indication of the Police Court, this "morning, for demanding mont's cendeavours to obtain some more than his legal fare. In addition defendant was also charged with assaulting Mr. 1. M. Roosevelt, in reply to a communica- Xavier, an assistant engineer of the P.W.D., who spin on the postponement of the appeared as complainant in both cases. The day, leaving the power house with two pleases declares that he folly appreciates latter charge was not proved, and that was dis- of brass. The coolie, who was immediately of Japan's financial policy .- I missed. On the other charge the coolin-In given in charge, was sentenced to six weeks Chause Ho-was fined St.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO. LD. LAST, HALF-YYAL'S FINANCIAL RESULTS.

The profit on working account, to 30th June, 1908, of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ld., amounted to \$20, 23.30 at compared with \$73,068.73 for the corresponding period of 1907, being an increase of-\$7,754.0".

The profit and loss account, including the sum of \$252.17 brought forward from 31st December, 1907, shows a credit balance of \$79,639.63, which the directors recommend should be apportioned as follows:--

o pay a dividend of 6 per cent. for the half-year ...... \$ 35,000.00 To transfer to re, airs and renewals 15,000.00 To write off furniture and fixture ... To write off electric plant To write off steam launch To-carry forward to new account ...

THE BOSTON S.S. CO.'S PACIFIC SERVICE.

The Victoria (B.C.) Daily Colonist wrote as follows on July 30 .- Practical confirmation of the story to the effect that the Boston S. S. Company's big liners Tramont and Shawmul were to be withdrawn from the Oriental trade is offered by the issuance of new schedule for the service by Waterhouse and Company, in which the sailings of the two liners are taken. by other cargo steamsh p. The Tacoms Ledger says: "In place of the Tremont the British tramp steamer Craiguir, 3,669 tons, has evidently been substituted. The charter of the Craignar was made known a day or two ago. Under the new schedule she is to depart from Tacoma on Aug. 16 and from Seattle four days later. The Craigvar is at present discharging coal for government at Honolulu. She has been fixed on time. Another steamer, whose name has not yet been made public, will also be placed on this run. In shipping circles it is surmised to be the Boreric, one of the Waterhouse-Weis line, now en route to San Francisco from Australia. This vessel is to be here during the latter part of August, steaming from here Sept. and from Seattle for the Orient Sept. 9 Following these two, the schedule for the balance of the year is as follows, the date being that of departure from Tacoma; each to put to sea from Seattle four days later :- Suveric, Sept. 25; Kumeric, Oct.; 16; Inverie, Nov. 6: Craigear, Nov. 26; steamer (oame unannounced), Dec. is. This new arrangement provides for a s'eamer every twenty days on the run' to the

Philippines. As heretofore the ports of call will b. Yokohama, Kobe, Moji, Manila and Hongkong Returning, the steamer will make Shang- I day of the 7th mose, does not appear to be hai when sufficient cargo offers and also call at Japanese ports. The Inverie which loaded most I moon the amount collected by the Wei Hong of her cargo here, leaves Seattle for Japan, China and Manila this week, taking the place 15,000 tacls, Kwang Yun 10,500 tacls, Ol Yuk of the American steamer Shawmut, which is 10,600 taels, Shung Ching 8,300 taels, Ming disengaged pending decision of the Govern- Shin 2,800 taels, Shut Shin 820 taels and the ment regarding her purchase. Longshoremen | Chamber of Commerce 8,050 taels ; total 87,300 began to discharge the Tremont yesterday and tasts. From the above can be seen the work will be rushed in taking her freight out apparent apathy shown in the affairs of the By to morrow night it is expected that the liner | Company by the general body of shareholders. will be empty. In the meantime she is being In the year 1904, when the Company w which she will undergo at the hands of the board of naval experts appointed to examine the two vessels. The withdrawal of the Tremont means that in a year and a hall five American steamers have been taken off this 'run' and replaced by the same number of British steamers. The Trement and Shawmut formerly ran in conjunction with the Lyra, Hyades and I leiades. The last three were the first taken off and for months it has been rumoured that the passenger liners Shawmut and Tremont were to follow. This report had at last proved true. The vessels procured for the sun are smaller than the big Americans, but will probably be

MAKINE COURT.

EXCESS OF PASSENGERS.

In the Marine Court, this morning, before the Hon. Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.M. Harbour Master, Police-Sergeant George Jackson charged Mr. Wolfgang Horu, master of the Norwegian steamship Spir, and Wing promptly so that little or no damage was Sing, of &r. Wing Lok Street, the agent or charterer of the same ship, with unlawfully, attempting to leave the waters of the Colony after having obtained a port clearance with a number of passengers greater than that allowed by the said port clearance on the 3rd instant. The first defendant denied the charge while the second defendant admitted the offence.

It was stated by prosecutor that at 3 30 p.m. yesterday, he boarded the s.s. Spir. He demanded from the master the port clearance, which allowed only twelve passengers. He counted twenty passengers in presence of the to these graduates by Admiral Di Chun. master-an excess of eight.

It was stated by the master that he told Wing Sing, his charterer, that he would not take more than twelve gassengers. Despite this, more than twolve passoegers came on board before the vessel's departure.

Wing Sing's statement was to the effect that it was a mistake on the part of his fokt.

It was further stated by the master that he informed Wing Sing two days beforehand that he could only take twelve passengers, and be repeated his order again yesterday before the passengers came on board.

The first desendant was fined to cents while Wing Sing had to pay \$240 to the Court.

MR. C. C. Hill, assistant engineer of the Electric Tramway Company, detected a coolin, yesterhard labour in the Police Court, to-day,

GYMRHANA NOTAS SELECTION FOR THE EVENTS

It was not until late this afternoon-at three o'clo: k to be precise when a friend asked me for a few "tips" for the gymkhana which is to be held to-morrow, that I was reminded that I

had a duly to perform for your paper. For the past few weeks very little training work has been carried on, owing to two thingsthe unsettled state of the track, and the unruly state of the elements." But notwithstanding these d sadvantages which the owners of ponies have had to contend with a few times were taken, but were not of much consequence.

To-morrow's gymkhana should be a very sporting event, and should we be favoured with fine weather, a large attendance is assured.

According to the programme which I have before me there are seven entries for the first event-the Five Furlong Race. This event remains between Kingston, who is being ridden at 150 lbs , and Ard Patrick (157 lbs.)

The Gymkhana Stakes-the race of the afterdoon-should be considered that of Coxcomb, but Blue Nile must not go out of reckoning.

For the Welter Race, for which there are three-entries, Mr. Leeson's mount is worth

The mile race should produce a good field. If Sidier Dhu start he should win. If not, the Rose.

The last race rests with Astral.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

"SILVER DOLLAR PIECES. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

. Canton, 3rd September.

Though great vigilance has been exercised by the Canton officials in preventing traders from withdrawing the silver dollar pieces recently issued by the Canton Mint to a large number for local circulation, either for the purpose of exportation or melting down for profit. it is found that the number of these coins scemingly continues to decrease day by day and are becoming more and more scarce in the Canton market. .t is concluded by the authorities that some traders might be trafficking in the standard coins by exporting them from Canton, and the Cauton Mint officials are therefore instructed to investigate the matter and to device means to check the practice, and at the same time to offer large rewards for the apprehension of the offenders.

CANTON-HAMKOW RAILWAY. .

The collection of the 2nd call on railway shares of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company at \$1,50 each by the different charitable institutions which was commenced on the 1st promising at alt. , For the whole of the 7th Institutions was 31,000 tack, Kwang Cha painted and placed in shape for the inspection | started, a few millions of dollars, were collected in a short space of time, but now the collection of the and call can only bring in a sum of 160,000 tacks in a whole month. This is, no doubt, the outcome of the working of the Company being unsatisfactory to the shareholders and the Imperial Government's decision that the railway should be put under official control through the appointment of H. E. Chang Chih-tung as superintendent of the railway.

> PROMOTION. It is learnt in Mandarin circles here tha he present Salt Comptroller, Ting Na Young, will be appointed Taotai of Lungchow, in succession to Taotai Yiu Shiu Shi who died last month.

Last evening, at 8 o'clock, an outbreak of hire occurred in a shop named Sun Cheung Loopg, in Luca Hing street, through the careless use of kerosine oil. The flames shot up very high in the air, and at the time of the accident it was expected that serious damage would result to the neighbouring buildings. Fortunately, by the timely arrival of the various fi e brigades, the confligration was put down

where the fire originated was gutted, ... AN EX-MINISTER. " H. E. Yeung Shing, ex-Chinese Minister to Germany, will leave here in a few days' time

sustained by the shops in the vicinity; the shop

for Peking via Hongkong. MILITARY GRADUATES.

One hundred and eighty-five students of the Military College at the Boca Tigris have recently completed their course of studies. On the 28th ultimo certificates were distributed

GOLD RINGS STOLEN.

A few days ago Mrs. Hobbs, who resides at I, Ormsby Villa, Kowloon, lost two gold rings from her house. The rings she valued at \$90. A report was made to the Tsim-tsa-tsui Police. with the result that a description of the ring was given to all pawnbrokers, with instructions to detain the person offering them in pawn, This had the desired effect, for yesterday a coolie named Chan Hoi was handed over to the police. Chan denied the charge vigorously, saying that he had found the riogs. The police believed, however, that while Chan was visiting some of the lady's servants he speaked up to her room during her absence and stole I the rings. Accused was charged in the Police Court, to-day, and sentenced to six months hard labour.

To-day's Advertisements.

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kong to be present. Post entries will be accepted for event No. 5. REGINALD F. C. MASTER Hon, Sec. and Treasurer.

COMMERCIAL.

WREKLY SHARE REPORT.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1908.

Reviewing the share business for the week Messrs, E.S. Kadoorie & Co. write under today's date :-

tinged quiet and inactive with but a small business to record, but rates in most cases have been fairly well maintained.

During the past week, the market has con-

is advertised to take place on Saturday, the 12th inst. The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 6th to the 12th inst. The ordinary general meeting of shareholderst in the Douglas Bleamship Co., Limited. will be held on Saturday, the 19th September.

closed from the 8th to 19th September. Bunks,-Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have juled steadier during the week and towards the close, were sold at \$750. The London quotation 18 £78 108.

The transfer books of the company will be

Marine Insurances.-North Chinas are still in favour in the North at Tls. 78, while Cantons remain neglected at \$220. Unions can probably be placed at \$750. Sales of Yangtszes have been effected at \$166.

Fire Insurances,-Both China Fires and Hopgkong Fires are in demand at quotations. Shipping.-There are buyers of Hongkong, Capton and Macao Steamboats at \$274, but sellers are not forthcoming. Star Ferries old and new are unchanged and without business to report.

Refineries,-China Sugars are quiet at quotation. Perak Sugars are again on offer at Th. 911.

Mining.-Chinese Engineerings have strengthened and buyers prevail in the North at Tis. 16. Ranbs can be sold at \$72:

Docks, Wharves and Godowns,-There are buyers of Kowloon Wharfs at \$46. Whampon Docks have sellers at \$100. In the North, there are sellers of Shanghai Docks at Tis. 85 while Hongkew Wharis are wanted at Tis, 1671. Lands, Hotels and Buildings,-Humphreys Estates are obtainable at \$10. Hongkong

Lands are neglected at \$34. Shanghai Lands are firmer and buyers prevail at Tis. 1161. Cotton Mills,-A slight decline in Ewos has occurred and sales have been effected at Tis, 61. Honkkong-Cottons have been sold at Str.

There are sellers of Internationals at Tis. 66; Lau Kung Mows at Tis. 85, and Soy Chaes at Miscellensous.-China Providents have been booked at \$92 and more are wanted at the rate. Sales of Green Island Coments have been effected at \$10 ex the interim dividend of 40 cents per share paid on the 31st ult, Hongkong

Ropes have been dealt in at \$24. William Powells are inquired for at \$4. Langkats have experienced a sharp rise closing with buyers at Tls, 592}. Exchange, The Banks selling rate on London is 1/91 on demand. The T.T. rate on

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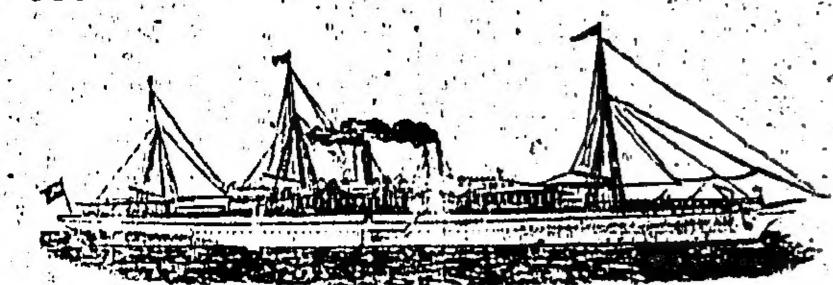
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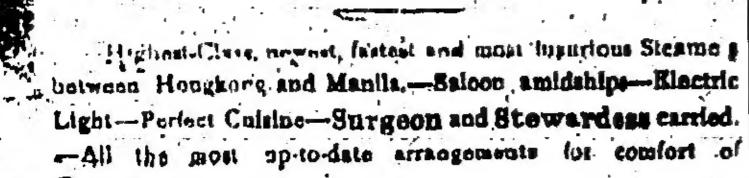
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White Bait-Ngan Yu Chai .....

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Artichokes, Shanghai, -Shenng Hoi Ah Chi Chauk Beans, (French) Macao-Oh Moon Pin Tau ..... Beans, (French), Shanghai-Sheung Hoi

Pin Tau Beans, Sprout-Ah Choi..... Beans, Long-Tau Kok ..... Beet Root-Hung Choi Tau...... each Brinjals, Green-Cheng Yuen Ker ..... Brinials, Red-Hung Kor ...... Brassica-Pak Choi.....

Bamboo Shoots-Chook Shun ...... Cabbage, Chinese, com. -- Kai-Ghoy ..... Cabbage, Red-Kai Lan Tau .....each Cabbage, (Shanghai)-Yeh Choi ..... Cane Shoots, bunch-Kau Shun ..... Cauliflower, Large size-Tai Yeh Chui

Fo ..... Cauliflower, Medium size-Cheung Yeh Choi-fa ...... Cauliflower, Small size-Sar Yeb Choi-fa Carrots-Kam Shun Celery, Chinese Tong Kan Choy ..... Celery, English- Yeung Kan Choi ..... Celery, White-Ink Venny Kan Choi. Chillies, Dired-Cim Lat Char ...........

Red-Hung Fa ,, ..... Green-Cheng Lat Chiq ..... Curry Stoff, English- 'Ka lige Choi lan Cucumbers - Cheng Kwa ..... Bitter Squash-Fu Kwa Garlig-Spen Tau,.....

old-Lo Keung ..... Horse Radish, Shanghai-Lik Kan ... B Indian Corn-Suk Mai .....piece Lettuce-Young Sang Choi .....each Water Chesnuts-Ma Tai .....

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It is hoped that all the best shots of this Association will endeavour to obtain places in the team,

Practice and Pool Shoots will be held at the Peak Range as follows :-

Saturday, 5th Sept, 2 to 5.30 200 yards. Sunday, 6th ... 10 to 12.30 1 Saturday, 12th Sept. 2 to 5.30 } 500 yards. Sunday, 13th , 10 to 12,30 } 500 yards.

Members are notified that cash must be paid on the range for ammunition and cards and in no circumstances can credit be given. Hongkong currency alone will be accepted.

Shooting dates for the remaining week-ends in September will be notified later.

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German (Der Minger) 9th inst. Canadian (Empress of China) 17th inst. German (Prins Waldemar) i8th iost.

The P. M. Co.'s S. S. s.s. Siberia will be due to arrive in Hongkong with the American Mail, on 6th inst., at 11 a.m.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Kaga Maru, American Line, left Shanghai for this port on 3rd inst., and is expected here on 6th inst.

The Apear Co.'s s.s. Arratoon Apear Irom Yokohama, Kobe and Moji left Moji this morning, and may be expected here on 8th inst., afternoon.

#### THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg. Director of the Hongkong Observatory:--On the 4th at 11.55 a.-The barometer has fallen slightly over the N. and S. coasts of China and in Luzon, and risen moderately at the Bonins.

The depression over the Pacific to the S.E. of the Luochoos appears to be almost stationary. The slight depression over China is lying now to the North of the Lower Yangize.

Pressure remains high over N.E. Japan. Moderate N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and moderate variable winds over the N. part of the China Sea. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches,

FORECAST. r .- Hongkong and Neighbourhood, Variable winds, light or moderate; fair,

2.-Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, moderate. 3.-South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, same as No. f.

-4.-South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

onan, Br. s.s., 1,206, W. O. Jones, 3rd Sept., -Chinkiang and Shanghai joth Aug., and Swatow and Sept., Gen.-C. M. S. N. Co. tori Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,736, Jas. Hands, 3rd. Sept.,-from Japan, Gen,-N. Y. K. ur, Nor. s.s., 2,276, C. Stangebye, 3rd Sept .- Moji 28th Aug., Goal -Aagaard,

Thoreson & Co. Br. s.s., 1,149, J. Warrack, 4th Sept.,alphong, 31st Aug., Gen.-B. & S. Br. s.s., 1,215, H. Harder, 4th ... Dalny via Chefoo and Newchwang

Aug., Gen.-B. & S. Ger. s.s., 760, J. C. Hansen, 4th -Macao 4th Sept., Rice.-J.,& Co. th, Ch. s.s., 1,536, Wm. H. Lunt; 4th -Canton 3rd Sopt., Gen.-C. M. S.

s.s., 4,783, J. D. Andrews, R.M.R., 4th Shanghai ist Sept., Mails and Gen. O. S. N. Co.

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4th Sept., Gen. J., M. & Jap. s.s., 1,811, M. Nemolo, 4th hanghai-via-Foochow, Amoy and ard Sept., Gen.—O. S. K. t and Singapore 28th Aug.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

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Yawata Mark, for Australian Ports. Tjikint, for Macassar. Huichow, for Canton Haimun, for Coast Ports. Sknoksing, for Shan, hai. Lituania, for Vladivostock. Ningchow, for Tacoma. Dagny, for Newchwang. Benventie, for Japan.

Moyort Mary, for Bombay.

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Passengers arrived. Per Chihit, from H. iphong-Mr. C. F.

Per Tean, from Manda - Messrs. Derrell, Skinner, Olsen, Wall, Bache, Sanderson, Frey, Misses King, Rothfen, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge and 2 children.

Per Delki, from Shanghai-for Hongkong-Mr. G. I. Shekury, Dr. and Mrs, McKrachan, infant and a servants, Mr. Lushington and native servant, Mrs. M. Kelly, Messra. J. B. Guterez, Mr. and Mrs. Wobb Anderson, infant and amab, and Mr. Mouret. For Marseilles-Messrs. Large and A. Campbelt. For Gibraltar -Mr. and Mrs. O'Gonnor. For London-Mr. W. Grundy. For Golombo-Mr. D. Frederick.

Passengers' departed.

Per Yawata Maru, for Manila, &c .- Senator Hon, Henry Dobson, Mr. and Mrs., H. W. Durboras; Mr. and Mrs. Leo. J. Grove, Mr. J. B. Colman, Mrs. Pearl T. Colman, Mr. James A. Hayward, Mrs. W. B. Walker, 2 children and maid, Miss P. Yasuye, Messes. A. W. J. A. Gough, G. W. Rogers and servant, Capt. Pain, Messis, G. H. Scales, K. Yoshitomi, J. Talambires, A. Sohr, Y. Tashima, J. Crancy, S. Mat-Lui, Messis, Tan Po Hun, Tan Tso Tuck, Yoshide Fukuichi, and Miss Mukai Mume.

Shipping Reports. Str. Chihli, from Haiphong .- Fine weather broughout.

Str. Yunnan, from Chinkiang, &c. :- Light N.E. winds and exceptionally fine weather to Swatow thence fresh S. W. breeze to Hongkong experienced strong N.E. set last 12 hours.

#### VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Ailsacraig, Br. s.s., 2,166, A. D. Moody, 30th Aug. - Barry Dock 14th July, Coal, - Navy Department.

America Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,460, W. E. Filmer, 29th Aug. - San Francisco 1st Aug., Honolutu 7th, Yokohama 20th, Kobe 21st, Nagasaki 23rd, and Shanghas 25th, Mails and Gen.-T. K. K. Arconia, Ger. s.s., 2,903, Tuergensen, 3rd Sept.,

-Kobe via Moji 29th Aug., Gen .- M. & Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, F. Sembill, 3rd Sept., -Sandakan 29th Aug., Gen.-M. & Co. Claverburn, Br. s.s., 2,518, W. H. Seldon, 17th

Aug.,-from Cardiff, Coals,-D. & Co., Ld. Courtfield, Br. s.s., 4,897; J. Wiseman, 25th May,-Moji 20th May, Coal,-M. B. K. Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,039, F. Robinson, Shanghal. R.N.R., 27th Aug., Vancouver 5th Aug., and Shanghai 24th, Mails and Gen:-C. P. | Sharp Peak ...

Forest Dale, Br. s.s., 2,253, Noall, 74th Aug.,-Samarang 14th Aug., Sugar.-B. & S. Frithjof, Nor. s.s., 891, O. Andersen, 8th Aug., -irom Saigon, Rice.-Aagaard, Thoresen

Hailan, Fr. s.s., 477, O. Höeg, 31st Aug.,-Hoihow 29th Aug., Gen.-A. R. M. Johanne, Ger. s.s., 952, J. Iversen, 28th Aug., -Haiphoog 23rd Aug., and Hoihow 2)th, Gen.-J. & Co.

Joshin Maru, Jap. s.s., 702, Y. Kaburaki, 2nd Sept.,-Tamsui 30th Aug., Gen.-O. S. K. Keong Wai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, J. Köhler, 3rd Sept., -- Swatow 2.d Sept., Rice and Teak-

Knivsberg, Ger. s.s., 646, Henk, and Sept,-Tougane 30th Aug., Coals and Gen:- J. &

Lamington, Br. s.s., 2,283, J. J. G. MacPhail, 31st Aug.,-Hongay 28th Aug., Coal,-B. & S. Lennox, Br. s.s., 2,361, F. McNair, :4th Aug.,

-Wosung 20th Aug., Gen.-C. P. R. Co. Lightning, Br. s.s., 1,625, A. E. Gentles, 28th Aug,-Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 23rd Aug., Gen.-D. S. & Co., Ld. Locksun, Gor. s.s., 1,020, W. Taubert, 25th

Aug. -Bangkok 19th Aug., Rice. -B. & S. Loyal, Ger. s.s., 1,237, F. Natzins, 30th Aug., -Bangkok via Kohsichang 22nd Aug. Gen.-S., W. & Co. Mandal, Nor. s.s., 1,001, Gabrielsen, 31st July, -Borneo 25th July, Coal.-Wallem & Co.

Manila, Ger, s.s., 1,108, J. Minssen, 21st Aug., Sydney 30th July, Gen.-M. & Co. Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, Weigall, 28th Aug.,-Sandakan 22nd Aug., Timber and Gen,-

1. M. & Co. Nam Sang, Br. s.s., 2,591, P. M. B. Lake, 3rd Sept. - Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 28th Aug , Gen .- J., M. & Co. Nicomedia, Ger. s.s., 4,364, P. Wagemann, ist Sept.,-Moji 27th Aug., Gen.-P. & A.

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Sept., - Shanghai via Swatow 29th Aug., Gen.-J., M. & Co. Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, P. H. Roife, 31st

Aug.,-Manila 27th Aug., Gen.-J., M. & Zafiro, Br. s.s., 1,619, R. Rodger, 31st Aug.,-Manila 28th Aug., Ballast .- S., T. & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

Juteopolis, Br. ship, 2,840, Stewart, 5th June,-San Francisco 5th April, Case Oil.-S. O.

King George, Br. ship, 2,057, Tucker, 7th Aug., Ballast,-S. O.

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	Hongkong & Shanghal Banking Corporation	12 ,000	1125	\$125	\$250,000		} 1/9}-\$21.942		London £78.10 -	
6	National Bank of China, Limited	19,925	L7	£6	£4,009} \$150,000	\$10,323	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903		\$50	GENERAL HOUSEHOLD
	MARINE INSURANCES.				\$219,058	none			1	REQUISITES.
•	Canton Insurance Office, Limited	0,000	1250	<b>5</b> 50	\$401,959 }		\$30 or 1906	9 "	\$220	REGUISITES
*. **	North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	6.15 .	45	Tis. 100,000 }	Tis. 204,424	Interim of 7/6 ex 2/54 for 1907	6 %	Tis. 78 buyers	&c., &c., &c.
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y.	China Fire insurance Company, Limited	2 ,000	\$100	\$ a	\$346,097 \$13,862	\$ 72,432	\$6 and bonus \$2 tor 1906	81.2	S92} buyers	Hongkong, 16th May, 1901.
• •	Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	D	\$250	<b>5</b> ;0	\$1,823,941	\$118,027	\$27 111 1906	B1 7	S315 buyers	6.1
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vi ,	Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ld. (Preferred)	10,000	7.5	£\$ .	{ \(\( \lambda \) 10,000 \\ \( \lambda \) 4,000 \\	£11.755	{6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @} ex 1/9 11/16== \$3. 154	<b>51</b> 4	[ \$ 35   \$ 20	
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43	Laou-kung-mow Cetton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld. Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	8,000	l'is. 100	Tis. 100	none Tis. 28,257	Tls, 6,303	Tis. 50 for 1906	2 41	fis. 85 sellers -	
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-	Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	10,000	12/6	12/6 \$12	£1,500 \$25,000	£143.	101 per share for 19 7=\$1.037	. 131. X	S7g sales	司公隆黄
	China Light and Power Company, Limited	\$50,000}	\$10}	Sto }	none	\$25,000	60 cents for year ended 28.2.06		161	from Shanghai, has re-opene
	China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ld  Dairy Farm Company, Limited		\$10	\$10	\$120,000 \$120,000	51,593	80 cents for 1907	1	\$9½ buyers	FURNITURE STORI
	Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	56 510.	\$12,000	\$1,974 5 078	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908	12 X	\$20 Sto ex div.	No. 39, DES VŒUX ROAD CE
	H. Price & Company, Limited	11,000	\$ 10 \$20	\$10 \$20	\$180,000	\$251 8.9.7	75 cents for 9 months ending 31,12,07 Sa for year ending 28.2.08	. 8 %	\$12 buyers	
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	Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	Gs, 100	Gs. 100	1 118, 27,003 )	116, 17,127	Interim of Tis, 10 for and quarter	51 %	Tls. 592 buyer   \$14   \$2	Messrs, A. S. Watson & Co., Firm leading Establishments in the
1	Peak Tramways Company (new)	75,000	012.	\$10	none .	\$7,474 Nil.	None	4 %	\$ \$2 \$8	Superior Workmanship and Mate
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	Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited		Fls, 20	Tie, 20	Tla: 24,820 } Tls. 75,000 }	Tls. 8,493	Final of Tis. 9 making in all Tis. 14 for 1907		Tis. 97 buyers	Messrs. A. S. Walson & Co., L. follows:—
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	Union Waterboat Company, Limited		\$10	\$10	nona	Tis, 201 \$111	50 Cents for 1907	41 %	\$.01	(Sd.) A. S. WATS
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